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ENDS VISIT: Mecca Governor escorts Zaire President Mo buttu Sese Seko at the end of his visit to Saudi Arabia Sunday. The Zaire leader left for Qatar on a one-day official visit.

Efforts for Peking-Taipei settlement said under way

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Efforts are under way to seek a negotiated settlement between Taiwan and China after Saturday's announcement that China and the United States will establish diplomatic relations, a senior Chinese official said Sunday.

Chen Yi-sung, a standing committee member of the Chinese People's Congress, said in Peking "I personally believe work is underway toward a negotiated settlement between China and Taiwan."

In an interview with Japan's Kyodo News Service, Chen stressed that America's continued sales of arms to the nationalist government "is detrimental to peaceful negotiations between the two partners."

As Peking spoke of a settlement, Taiwan put its half a million troops on full alert after the announcement that Peking and Washington had decided to normalize relations. "We do see a new threat," Vice Foreign Minister Frederick Chien told foreign reporters, "We think our enemy

could have been encouraged by this new move to take unlawful action towards us."

But, asked if he had any knowledge of troop movements on the Chinese Mainland, Dr. Chien said: "We have not received such military intelligence."

The Taiwan army, one of the strongest in Asia, was believed to have more than 60,000 troops billeted in miles of underground tunnels on the islands of Quemoy and Matsu within loudspeaker-hailing distance of the Mainland.

Chien said President Carter had assured Taiwan that the United States would "be prepared to continue supplying some military weapons, but he noted that Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng said Saturday he objected strongly to such sales.

"I really do not know what has transpired between the United States and the Chinese Communist regime in that particular respect," Chien said. Speculating on the timing of

the announcement that Peking and Washington were resuming diplomatic relations, Chien said: "The president (Carter) wanted to have some diplomatic breakthrough at a time when his Mideastern diplomacy is suffering some kind of setback."

"I think he was also under pressure from American big business and industrialists."

Meanwhile Egypt hailed Sunday the "historic decision" to establish diplomatic relations between the United States and China as a "long overdue move to initiate an era of peace and stability in the Far East."

"Establishing such healthy and balanced relations will not only serve the interests of peace in East and Southeast Asia but also throughout the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the world," the Egyptian Foreign Ministry declared in a statement distributed by the official Middle East News Agency.

The Egyptian reaction continued on back page.

10% average for 1979

OPEC approves 14.5% phased hike

ABU DHABI, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decided Sunday to raise the price of a standard barrel of petroleum next year in four stages to reach \$14.54 by Oct. 1 compared to the present rate of \$12.70, OPEC secretary-general Ali Jaidah announced.

The hike will raise the price of the standard barrel of Saudi light crude oil by 14.5 per cent by October, but Jaidah noted that the average increase over the year, taking into account the staggered rise, comes to 10 per cent.

Jaidah warned, however, that if inflation and currency instability continue in the course of next year, the oil producers may reconsider their prices.

He said the producers had "noted with great anxiety the rate of inflation and the dollar's depreciation in the past two years," which has cut into the revenue of oil producers who sell their petroleum at dollar prices.

"But to assist the world economy in future growth," said Jaidah, reading from an official communique, the OPEC countries decided not to ask for an oil price increase that would totally compensate them for their losses.

Jaidah gave this breakdown of the increase for 1979 in the price of Saudi light crude, which will be transferred by various formulae to other OPEC production:

The price of the \$12.70 dollar barrel will rise by 5 per cent on Jan. 1 to \$13.33 dollars, by 3.80 per cent April 1 to \$13.84, by 2.294 per cent on July 1 to \$14.16 and by 2.691 per cent on Oct. 1 to \$14.54.

The conference communique warned that "should inflation and currency instability continue, thus adversely affecting the oil revenues of the member countries and encouraging the wasteful use of this important but depletable resource, the conference will find it imperative to adjust fully for the effects of such inflation and dollar depreciation."

The communique didn't indicate how the full effect of dollar changes and inflation would be calculated, or how exactly oil prices would be adjusted. Some Arab specialists at the Abu Dhabi conference estimated that the value of a barrel of oil to producing nations in terms of its real purchasing power has slumped by 38 per cent in the past two years.

After the conference Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani said he was "not happy about the outcome" of the meeting.

"We wanted 5 per cent and we were prepared for smaller (quarterly) doses," he said.

He said Saudi Arabia agreed to a higher price than it originally wanted to maintain OPEC unity but, asked if there had been a split at the meeting, replied "No, this is his story."

Yamani said the "spot" or day-to-day oil market, which represents only a small portion of sales but is a good indicator of prices, already was trading in prices ahead of the Jan. 1, increase.

Yamani, the conference's leading moderate, said he thought "there will be a slowdown in the U.S. growth rate next year. It might lead to a small recession."

If this were to cut oil demand, Saudi Arabia was prepared to bear the burden alone by cutting back production, he said. (Continued on back page)



ANNOUNCES INCREASE: Outgoing OPEC secretary general Ali Jaidah announcing in Abu Dhabi Sunday night the new oil prices for 1979 after a two-day conference of the 13 oil producing countries. (Wirephoto)

U.S. inflation chief says oil hike will hurt cause

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — President Carter's chief inflation fighter Sunday expressed "distress" at the oil price rise announced in Abu Dhabi and said it seriously hampered America's efforts to control inflation and improve the value of the dollar.

"I am very distressed. This complicates our whole anti-inflation plan," Alfred Kahn, chairman of the Council of Wage and Price Stability, said after learning of the 14.5 per cent crude oil price hike agreed to by OPEC.

A U.S. study made before the OPEC announcement forecast that an oil price rise of nearly 15 per cent would spark big consumer price increases throughout America — hitting at the home heating and the big cars which are a central part of the American way of life.

Kahn maintained that eventually OPEC itself could be injured by its action. "If you impoverish your customers you eventually hurt yourself," he said.

Kahn said the U.S. administration had hoped OPEC members "understood that the United States was moving with

dispatch to improve the value of the dollar and that a price increase by them would hurt these efforts."

In Brussels, Common market officials said the increase will severely test the EEC's new European Monetary System (EMS) and add considerably to the oil bill of the nine-nation group.

The system linking European Economic Community currencies to create a zone of monetary stability in Western Europe is due to come into operation on Jan. 1.

While no formal reaction was available from the EEC Commission, officials pointed out that Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner, recently called on OPEC to postpone any rise.

He said an increase was not justified now. Brunner also called on the U.S. to reduce its independence on imported oil.

Brunner said he felt that because of the huge U.S. oil import bill a price rise would put unwelcome pressure on the dollar.

In Bonn a government official said the rise in oil prices was higher than West Germany had anticipated, but he also

expressed understanding for OPEC's decision after the decline of the dollar.

A spokesman for the economics ministry said by introducing the rise in four quarterly stages, OPEC members had taken into account the situation of the world economy.

Whether they would be in a position to carry out the proposed price rises would again depend on the situation of the world market, he said.

In London, oil industry officials received the news of the 14.5 per cent rise with mixed reactions.

A spokesman for British Petroleum (BP) said the rise was "a double-edged sword." It would be welcomed for the higher prices that would be asked for Britain's North Sea oil exports but its inflationary effects could harm the economy.

Industry sources said the rise was higher than expected. Observers in London had predicted a maximum price increase of about 10 per cent.

An official of the government Department of Trade and Industry said the implications of the OPEC announcement were still being studied.

Nationwide strike today

Iran restores oil production

TEHRAN, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Iran's oil production, severely cut by a three-week political protest strike, rose significantly Sunday after the government threatened to sack strikers.

Industry sources said production was 2.2 million barrels Sunday, double the lowest figure of a few days ago and more than one-third of normal output.

The production increase, two days after Prime Minister Gen. Gholam Reza Azhari threatened dismissal of strikers in government service, appeared to indicate that the threat was working.

But sources at the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which runs Iran's main industry, said a clear picture of strikers' reaction to the government's "get tough" stand would not be known until Tuesday — after a one-day general strike and day of mourning called for Monday by opponents of the Shah.

NIOC sources reported "some minor improvements" in attendance Sunday. But production figures, up by 500,000 barrels a day in the past two days, indicated a definite upturn in the sector on

which Iran's economy depends.

Iran, meanwhile faces the prospect of a nationwide general strike Monday called by opponents of the Shah.

Opposition sources expected the one-day strike, to mark a day of mourning for nearly 100 persons killed in recent political demonstrations, would receive widespread support.

Most shops in Tehran's bazaar were closed Sunday and civil servants in strike-hit ministries continued to turn up for work without doing anything — part of a protest movement against the Shah and his military-led government

which has crippled areas of the economy.

At the Central Bank however senior officials reported some improvement. "The staff are working normally except for two hours in the morning, when they break for a political meeting."

Political interest Sunday centered on a visit to Paris Monday by one of the chief lieutenants of the exiled religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the focus of opposition to the Shah.

It was Ayatollah Khomeini who called Monday's general strike. (Continued on back page)

Egypt blames Israel for delaying treaty

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Egypt blamed Israeli intransigence Sunday for the delay in signing a peace treaty as the Dec. 17 target date for concluding the peace agreement.

"The treaty was not signed on the target date because of Israel's intransigence and inability to understand Egypt's Arab commitments," said Acting Foreign Minister Butros Butros Ghali.

Ghali was referring to the Israeli cabinet's rejection Friday of the Egyptian-American ideas relayed by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance earlier this week in a last ditch effort to help Israel and Egypt meet the deadline set at Camp David.

Egypt insists that the treaty should not take precedence over the Arab defense pact it signed in 1951, committing it to come to the aid of any other country in the event of an attack against it.

Ghali said he was not alarmed by the delay, even though President Carter had said missing the signing deadline would be a "bad precedent" in the remaining steps of the agreement.

Expressing his hope that the negotiations stalled since Nov. 21 will be resumed, Ghali said: "The parties to the treaty have to reach an agreement among themselves, in an explicit or implicit manner, to resume the negotiations for a new period."

The two main areas of difference between Egypt and Israel are: Israel's refusal to accept Egyptian demands to link steps for eventual peace with Egypt to a timetable for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and Gaza.

— Israel's refusal to amend the draft treaty which in its present form overrides Egypt's Arab defense pact commitments.

Dr. Ghali argued before parliament Saturday that the 1951 Arab defense pact was basically directed against attack on any of the Arab states. "If Israel has no intention to attack why should it worry," he said.

The pact stipulates that an outside attack on any Arab state would be considered an attack on all Arab states.

Arab diplomats here say Israel does not want Egypt to come to the aid of other Arab states, thus consecrating the idea of a separate peace with Egypt.

In debates in parliament some members have argued that the controversial Article Six of the draft treaty should be dropped altogether, as a violation of the Egyptian constitution itself.

Under the constitution Egypt is described as an integral part of the Arab world.

The speaker of the Egyptian parliament Dr. Soufi Abu Taleb, Sunday summed up the visiting head of the European parliament, Emilio Colombo. (Related story page 10)

He said: "If Egypt fails to respect its commitments towards the Arab states, including that of the joint defense pact, then peace would become partial and separate, a matter utterly rejected by Egypt."

He also said that since the Palestinian problem was the crux of the Middle East conflict, there could be no peace in the region unless Israeli withdrawal from Sinai was coupled with a timetable for self-rule in Gaza and on the West Bank.

Officials here said Egypt welcomed a pause in the negotiations until early next year, as suggested by U.S. officials.

This would allow for quiet American diplomacy to persuade Israel to change its views the officials said.

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Abu Daoud to head Islamic chamber

KARACHI, Dec. 17 (AP) — Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud, head of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was Sunday elected president of the newly-established Islamic Chamber.

The headquarters of the Islamic chamber, representing 40 Muslim nations, will be located in Karachi.

The decision was made unanimously by the second conference of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of 40 Muslim countries in the second day of deliberations here Sunday.

Six vice presidents were elected from Egypt, Senegal, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey and Iran. The executive committee will consist of 21 members who will elect the secretary-general.

SR75m contract awarded for new Dammam sewers

DAMMAM, Dec. 17 (SPA) — All the main sewage pipes in Dammam are to be replaced under a SR74,851,000 contract awarded to a Saudi company, the Eastern Province's director general for water and drainage, Ali Hassan Al-Hudaid said here Sunday.

A second contract, worth SR1,985,527, was signed for the operation and maintenance of the new sewage main system, Hudaid said.

Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Sunday signed a SR2 million

Ahmad receives Iraq commander

RIYADH, Dec. 17 (SPA) Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmad Sunday received Brig. Najm Abdullah Zaidan, commander of the Iraqi Frontier force and his staff. The meeting was attended by Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, director general of the Saudi Frontier Force and Coast Guard.



HOSPITAL: Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz Sunday opening the Dr. Solaiman Al-Faqih private hospital on Palestine Road Jeddah, built and equipped at a cost of SR 60 million.

In preventive campaign

16,000 in Riyadh get meningitis jabs

RIYADH, Dec. 17 — The present vaccination campaign against meningitis is only a preventive measure to increase resistance after the pilgrimage season and there is no epidemic, the Health Ministry told the Saudi Press Agency Sunday.

Between Dec. 9 and 15, 16,000 persons were vaccinated

against the disease in Riyadh, "Al-Jazirah" reported Sunday. The vaccination gives immunity against the disease, a severe inflammation of the membranes around the brain, for 18 months, according to the ministry.

So far no cases in Riyadh have been reported, the ministry told "Al-Jazirah".

The ministry said that the willingness of the public to follow health instructions and receive vaccination indicated better public awareness of health dangers than in the past three years.

The symptoms are a rise in temperature accompanied by headaches, vomiting, convulsions in the muscles at the top of the spinal cord and back pains.

Certain persons can carry the bacillus in the bloodstream for some time without showing these symptoms, the ministry said.

It warned against crowded and badly ventilated places.

In Buraidi Sunday, Sheikh Saad ibn Muhammad ibn Sultan, acting governor of Qasim dedicated the new Qasim Clinic.

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To prevent fluctuation

SAMA keen to curb foreign SR dealing

By a Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, Dec. 17 — Saudi Arabia is anxious to check transactions abroad in Saudi riyals to protect the currency from "unhealthy fluctuations," Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Qurashi, the governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) said in an interview published by "Al-Jazirah" Sunday.

The governor said that international demand for the riyal had increased dramatically in recent years. [Much of the demand comes from large in-kingdom contractors needing to borrow riyals from the cheapest source — usually abroad — while contractors with large advance payments in riyals from the government and faced with low returns from Saudi banks have looked abroad for investment opportunities.]

[At least one proposed international syndicated riyal loan was cancelled during the summer on SAMA's instruction. Since then, syndicated riyal loans have reappeared in the Gulf although SAMA is understood to have stipulated they be for Saudi borrowers.]

700,000 Hajjis gone
RIYADH, Dec. 17 (SPA) — A total of 701,570 pilgrims had left the Kingdom by last Friday Dec. 15, the Interior Ministry's Passports and Civil Affairs Department said Sunday. A total of 488,199 pilgrims left by air, 205,174 by road and 48,197 by sea.

with Saudi banks involved.]

Turning to inflation, Qurashi said that large government expenditure had led to increased liquidity and high demand for goods outstripping the productive capacity of the economy and import capacity and prices had risen sharply.

But the government has succeeded in reducing inflation below the world average by giving priority to expanding port handling capacities, fighting housing shortages and subsidizing imported basic foodstuffs. The Kingdom, he said,

also is working to control bank credits and check the excessive liquidity to reduce their impact on prices.

Confidence
Qurashi said that SAMA's close supervision of Saudi banks, and in particular the Royal Decree that banks must lodge half of their deposits in excess of 15 times their capital with SAMA, was designed to maintain a curb on excessive bank lending and ensure the requirements of depositors are always met and was a major source of confidence in the banking system.

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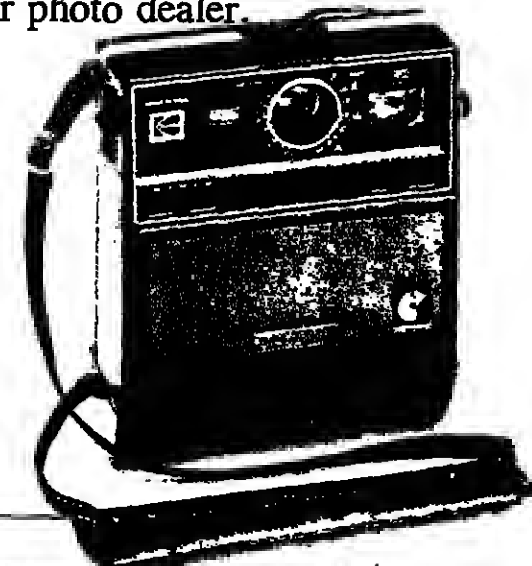
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Over Israeli protest

U.N. affirms Zionism-racism link

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (AP) — Over Israel's protest, the U.N. General Assembly voted three times Saturday in favor of a declaration that links Zionism with Racism.

Zionism, the basis of Israel, is the movement for the return of the Jews to Palestine to establish a national homeland there.

Mrs. Ilana Ben Ami of the Israeli delegation told the assembly its actions Saturday revived "the tendentious formula of 1975," when it caused a furor by passing an Arab-authored resolution that called Zionism a form of racism. "For the people of Israel," she said, "in the same way that Judaism cannot be divorced from Zionism, Zionism cannot be divorced from anti-Semitism."

The assembly's actions centered on a declaration of the U.N.-sponsored world conference to combat racism and racial discrimination in Geneva last Aug. 14-15 that condemns increasing relations between the Zionist state of Israel and the racist regime of South Africa and accuses Israel of racial discrimination against the Palestinians.

Acting on recommendation of its social committee, the assembly:

— Voted 107-11, with 18 abstentions, to adopt a resolution that "approves the declaration" of the conference, and asks the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to organize a multi-media campaign to combat racism.

— Voted 101-19, with 15 abstentions, to adopt another resolution that "endorses the declaration" and asks for a U.N. study of the possibility of establishing an international voluntary fund to help national liberation movements in their struggle against racism

and apartheid — South African race segregation.

— Voted 98-21 with 16 abstentions, against a provision "welcoming" the declaration that occurred in a resolution seeking new ratifications of the international convention on the suppression and punishment of the crime of apartheid, adopted by the assembly in 1973.

The Palestine Liberation Organization, which has observer status with the assembly, presumably could put in a claim for aid from the suggested fund.

Another provision of the Geneva declaration is against the so-called integral settlement in Rhodesia last March that produced a bi-racial government now under attack from Rhodesian black guerrillas in Mozambique and Zambia.

That provision says the arrangement seeks to "split the national liberation movement

to foment civil war and to perpetuate racist minority rule" and is unacceptable.

After the conference adopted that paragraph and the one lumping Israel with South Africa, 12 countries walked out — Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the European Common Market Nine, Ireland, Britain, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, France, West Germany and Italy.

Those voting against the first resolution in the assembly were those 12 plus Israel, Australia, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Guatemala joined those in voting against the second resolution.

Those voting against the provision on the declaration included in the anti-apartheid resolution were all the 19 that had voted against either of the two previous resolutions plus El Salvador and Papua New Guinea.

The United States, which

boycotted the Geneva conference, did not participate in the assembly voting. U.S. delegate Richard W. Pettee explained that nothing had occurred in the meantime to make his government change its position.

The resolution on the apartheid convention also contains provisions welcoming the Security Council's arms embargo against South Africa imposed Nov. 4, 1977, and calling for "further action by the Security Council."

The vote for the resolution as a whole was 109-0, but 30 countries abstained, including Gabon, the Ivory Coast, Malawi, Swaziland, the Bahamas, El Salvador, Uruguay, Japan, Israel and all the West but Greece and Turkey, which joined Third World countries in the affirmative.

Acting without a vote, the assembly adopted a resolution asking countries that had not yet become parties to the international convention on the elimination of racial discrimination to do so.

USSR raps decision to move U.N. staff

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (R) — The Soviet Union has criticized as arbitrary Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's decision to move the staff of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) from Beirut to Vienna.

The U.N. decided in June this year to move some 250 members of UNRWA, including the staff of the commissioner-general's office, to Vienna. Some 100 others will move to Amman.

The remarks by Soviet delegate Valentin Palamarchuk come amid continuing expressions of Soviet dissatisfaction with the U.N. chief's handling of some administrative and budgetary matters.



OPEC DECIDES: United Arab Emirates Oil Minister and President of the 52nd OPEC conference Dr. Mansour bin Jaber Al Otaibi during a press conference which he held in Abu Dhabi Sunday night that OPEC decided to raise the price of the oil beginning Jan. 1. (story on page one), (Wirephoto)

Commando bomb blasts Israeli bus in Jerusalem

BEIRUT, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Palestinian commandos said Sunday night they had wounded a large number of Israelis in the Jewish sector of Jerusalem Sunday with time bombs. The Palestine news agency Wafa said some cars were damaged.

Wafa said commandos also seriously damaged an Israeli government building in Tel Aviv with time bombs Saturday.

In Jerusalem witnesses said Sunday that a bomb, planted by Palestinian commandos in the back of a city bus, exploded in the religious Bayit Ve'gan neighborhood Sunday wounding 11 persons, some of them seriously, witnesses said.

"The bus came up to the stop and all of a sudden there was an explosion and flames came out from behind," said Chaim Koppner, a student at the nearby Kibbutz seminary.

"It was like fireworks," he said. "A woman was standing on the sidewalk crying. Her hand was wounded. A man's stomach was wounded."

Witnesses said the wounded were rushed to the hospital in private cars before police arrived.

The last anti-occupation bombing of an Israeli bus was on Nov. 19 when 4 persons were killed and over 30 wounded by an explosive device thrown under a bus passing through the occupied West Bank which had a number of American tourists aboard.

On June 2, six persons were killed and 20 wounded by a bomb which also exploded on a Jerusalem bus.

Meanwhile fourteen persons were injured Sunday when a "barrel of tar" exploded in a Jerusalem schoolyard, the police spokesman announced.

Four French sent to jail for bombing Jewish bank

PARIS, Dec. 17 (AP) — Four French "revolutionaries," including a woman who served time in Israeli prison on charges of supporting the Palestinians were jailed for five to seven years for bombing a Jewish-owned bank and a police station.

A crowd of mostly youthful spectators booed the judge, yelling "murderers" and "from now on — bombs every day."

The bombs exploded last May, one of them in a branch of the Rothschild Bank, causing damage but no casualties.

Jean Francoid Gailhav, 28,

drew seven years for leading the cell of "the international revolutionary front" that carried out the bombings.

Evelyn Borge, 33, was sentenced to six years. She had already spent a few years in Israeli prisons for smuggling explosives into the Zionist state for the Palestine Liberation Organization, PLO, and was freed on health grounds.

Two 19-year-old accomplices drew five-and six-year sentences.

The defendants said they pose their targets in protest Zionism and Fascism.

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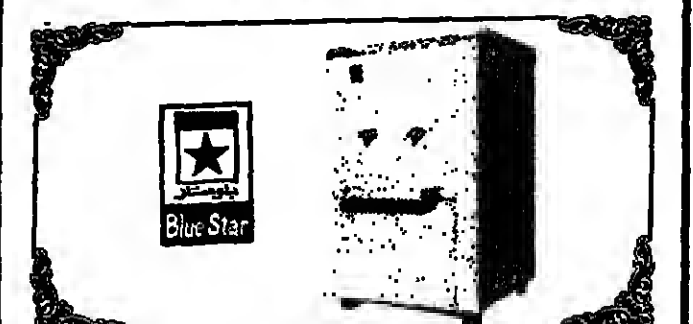
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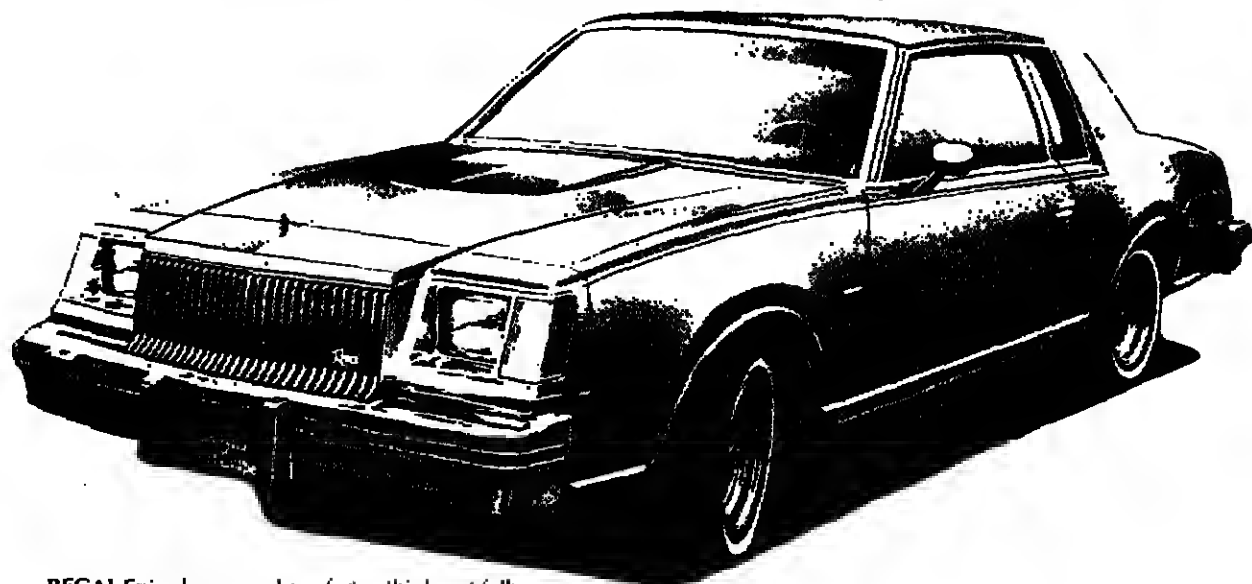
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IRA action suspected in explosions across England

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP) — Bombs exploded in five English cities early Sunday, slightly injuring at least nine people and causing damage to business premises.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts in Bristol, Liverpool, Manchester, Coventry and Southampton.

Viets claim 400 killed as Cambodians mobilize

HONG KONG, Dec. 17 (UPI) — Cambodia Sunday said its army is using all means to smash Vietnamese troops after Hanoi claimed more than 400 Cambodian troops were killed by rebels.

Radio Cambodia said the revolutionary army and guerrillas in Taranakiri Province "have been trying by all means to deal blows at the Vietnamese aggressors and are determined to make the province a bulwark for the country."

The report, carried by the New China News Agency, made no reference to Hanoi's announcement that the rebels

but there was speculation they were the work of the Provisional IRA, which has in the past launched bomb attacks on English cities near the Christmas holidays.

All of the explosions occurred at around 2 a.m. and the targets were places of business. No warnings were given.

Seven people were slightly injured, mostly by shards of glass, when a bomb exploded at about 1:45 a.m. behind a showcase outside Maggs department store in downtown Bristol. Police estimated that two to five pounds of explosive were used in the bomb, which scattered glass and debris along Queen's Road, a main shopping street.

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1,500 march in Holland protesting Menten-release

THE HAGUE, Dec. 17 (R) — Some 1,500 people, including former war prisoners, demonstrated here against the release from jail of millionaire art collector Pieter Menten.

They marched from the city's conference center to a war memorial where a wreath was placed in honor of Nazi victims.

Menten, 79, was freed Dec. 4 after a Dutch court ruled

that a promise of immunity given him by the justice minister in 1952 was binding.

A year ago he was jailed for 15 years for the murder of between 20 and 30 Poles, mostly Jews, in Poland in 1941 when he interpreted for the S.S.

The sentence was later overturned by the Dutch Supreme Court.

Saturday's demonstration was organized by former



Pieter Menten

Dutch prisoners-of-war and resistance groups.

But no one else can

British doctor stops babies crying

LONDON, Dec. 17 (R) — A British scientist claims to have solved a problem which has baffled and annoyed mankind since the dawn of time — how to stop a baby crying.

Dr. Michael Bennett says he has found that, unless the baby is ill, wet or hungry, it will stop howling and go to sleep if it can no longer hear its own screams.

His remedy is to take a

deep breath and then say "aaaaaaah" — spreading that over 20 seconds.

But nobody else at Haring-

don Hospital, where Bennett is researching into how infants react to sound, has managed to say a "aaaaaaah" with quite the same effect.

Nicaragua opposition starts Somoza talks; new guerrilla attacks

MANAGUA, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Nicaragua's opposition leaders began talks Sunday with the government of President Anastasio Somoza after dozens of political prisoners were freed Saturday under an amnesty.

The two sides met in the Guatemalan Embassy in the presence of a three-nation mediation team headed by the United States. They approved an agenda and agreed to meet again Monday, informed sources said.

The ruling Liberal Party and the Opposition Front (FAO), which comprises 15 anti-Somoza groups, have accepted the mediators' plans for a plebiscite on whether Somoza should remain in office, but have not

agreed what should happen afterwards.

Before agreeing to direct talks with the government, the FAO demanded the re-establishment of constitutional rights, the release of political prisoners and relaxation of radio and television censorship.

The talks began as about 60 political prisoners were freed from jails in Managua under the amnesty.

But guerrillas — who are not involved in the talks — attacked a Nicaraguan customs house with mortar and automatic weapons late near the Costa Rica border Saturday and authorities said civilians on both sides of the frontier were evacuated.

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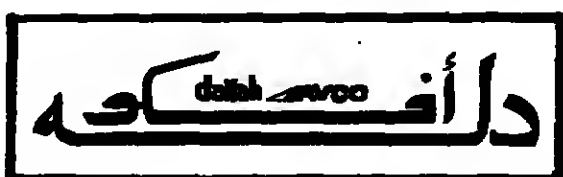
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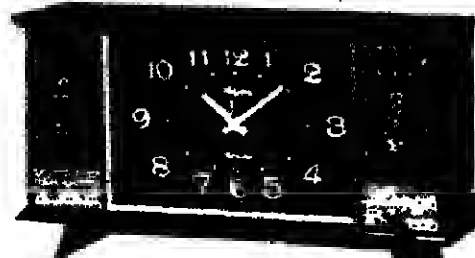
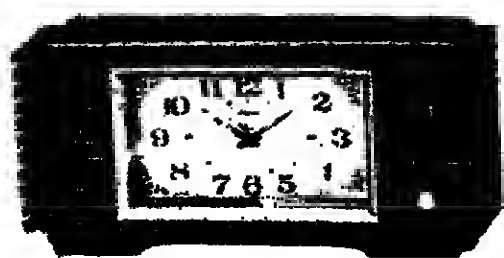
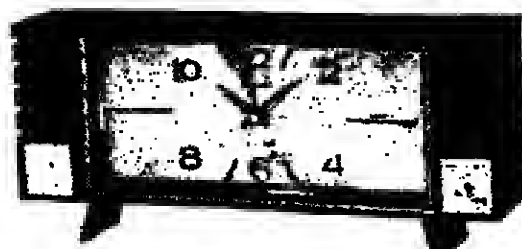
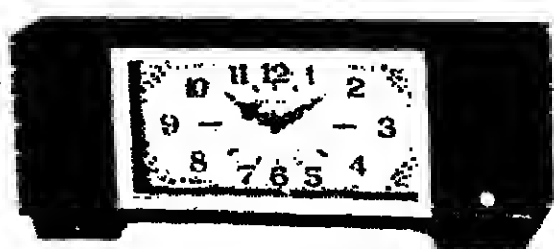
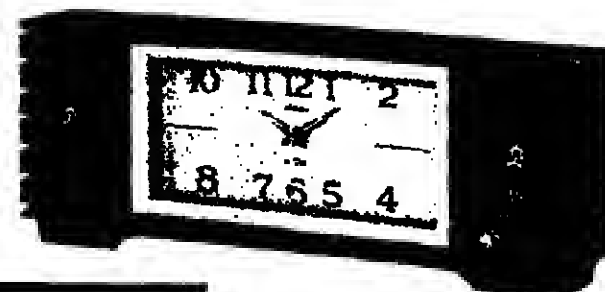


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Scoffs at suicide

700 Jonestown murders, doctor says

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP) — The Guyana government's top pathologist has told the "Chicago Tribune" that he believes that murder, not suicide, claimed more than 700 of the 911 persons who died at the People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana.

"I do not believe there were ever more than 200 persons who died voluntarily," said Dr. C. Leslie Mootoo, chief medical examiner and first doctor at the scene of the Nov. 18 tragedy.

Mootoo said he suspects but cannot prove that cult leader Jim Jones did not commit suicide. He said Jones' body was too badly decomposed to determine exactly how he died.

"I just don't buy the suicide (theory)," he said. "I don't believe (Jones) was a megalomaniac as people have said. I do believe he was power-hungry, but a person like that would never kill himself."

He said he based his conclusions on 70 autopsies performed on victims, as well as his examination of other bodies and an inspection of the scene. Mootoo has been a witness at a coroner's jury inquest into

the deaths. The jury is expected to issue a report this week, the "Tribune" said.

Mootoo said the Jonestown deaths occurred over four hours. He said he was convinced most cult members were forced to drink the poison because seeing the first group of people go into convulsions and die "would persuade the others not to take the liquid voluntarily," he said.

In Washington, the State Department said 631 of the 912 victims of Jonestown had now been identified. The department said it had notified the next of kin of 531 of the victims, but had been unable to find relatives of the other 100 identified dead. It said 142 bodies had been turned over to their families for burial.

Poona Trembles
POONA, India, Dec. 17 (AP) — A shiver ran through this Indian city of 850,000 when news came of the mass suicide-murder in Jonestown, half a world away.

Poona, once a summer retreat for British colonial officials 180 kilometers southeast of Bombay, has its own controversial cult led by a college

philosophy instructor-turned-mystic who has attracted thousands of Americans, West Europeans and Japanese but few Indians.

"People wondered if a mass suicide could happen here — at the Rajneesh Ashram," said a bookshop clerk. "Even fol-

lowers of Rajneesh discuss the possibility."

Rajneesh Chandra Mohan, 47, known by his orange-clad followers as "Bhagwan" or "God," rules a spiritual movement that promises greater self-awareness.

Made 300 Westerns

Chill Wills, loyal sidekick, dies

ENCINO, California, Dec. 17 (AP) — Chill Wills, who appeared in hundreds of westerns as the forlorn and loyal sidekick to dashing cowboy heroes, died shortly after returning home from a hospital, a spokesman said Saturday. He was 76.

Wills had been treated for an undisclosed ailment at the Motion Picture and Television Hospital.

Wills appeared in more than 300 movies during a career that spanned more than a half-century and was perhaps best known for his role as Beekie, a Tennessee vo-

lunteer, in the 1960 movie "The Alamo." He was one of the first stars signed up by John Wayne for the epic \$12 million United Artists production.

Wills' famous gravelly voice also has been used for the talking mule in the "Francis" movie series.

Chill Theodore Wills was born July 18, 1902 in Seagoville, Texas, son of Robert and Fanny Wills. He was named after a Dr. Childress, the attending physician.

The father ran a combination general store and pharmacy. He also played the gui-

tar and sang, and with Chill and his four other sons, Bruce, Paul, Bob and Morton, formed a singing group.

At age 9, he began performing with traveling tent shows, with such names as Dr. Pryor's Medicine Tent Show and the Harvey Sadler Tent Show, doubling as a performer and huckster.

By the time he was 16, Wills had returned to the theater and began appearing in vaudeville and burlesque performances. His first appearance in New York City was a flop, perhaps because of a Texas twang he never lost.



Nixon's lawyer, Buzhardt, dies at 55

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., Dec. 17 (AP) — J. Fred Buzhardt, 55, chief Watergate defense lawyer for former President Richard Nixon, died Saturday of a heart attack, a hospital official said.

Buzhardt was a top aide to Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond, before he was named by Nixon as Watergate counsel in 1973. Buzhardt later was replaced by James D. St. Clair.

In Montgomery, Alabama — former Attorney General John Mitchell, serving time in a federal prison camp for his role in the Watergate coverup, has been granted a five-day holiday furlough.

C.W. Beaver Jr., superintendent of the minimum security facility at Maxwell Air Force Base, said Mitchell will leave the prison on Dec. 22 and report back Dec. 27. Mitchell, 65, is serving a one-to-four-year sentence, and is to be released from prison next month.

S. Africa railway bombers sought

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 17 (AP) — South African police were investigating Sunday the sabotage of a main railroad track between here and the Indian Ocean town of East London. The track was cut by an explosion Saturday, delaying three passenger trains eight hours. Police did not immediately know what type of explosive was used.

Strikers postpone U.N. session

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (AP) — The General Assembly, striving to finish its 1978 session, muddled through a meeting Saturday but had to cancel another on Monday because of a work stoppage by disgruntled U.N. employees. The workers are protesting against recent actions by the U.N. affecting pay, promotion opportunities, days off and pensions.

U.N. calls for quick SALT accord

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 17 (R) — The General Assembly has called on the United States and the Soviet Union to complete without delay a second-stage Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement. The world body made its decision as U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko prepared for crucial talks on the SALT agreement in Geneva next week.

Louisiana highway smash kills four

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 17 (AP) — A tractor-trailer slammed into a car and a truck pulling a trailer Saturday, hurtling into flames and killed at least four people and injuring at least three others between Baton Rouge and Lafayette.

U.S. missile test flight bombs

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla., Dec. 17 (R) — A U.S. Navy Trident missile blew up shortly after being test launched here, causing minor damage but no casualties, an official said. Trident missiles, designed to carry nuclear warheads, are scheduled to become operational in 1980. The cause of the test failure could not be immediately determined.

Colorado court acquits ranked boxer of murder

GOLDEN, Col., Dec. 17 (AP) — Ron Lyle, an ex-convict who emerged to become one of the world's ranking heavyweight boxers, has been acquitted on charges of second-degree murder in the shooting death of his former road man, Vernon Clark.

"I am glad it's over, and I'll be able to get back to what I like, which is boxing," said Lyle, 36, after the Jefferson County District Court jury of seven men and five women returned the innocent verdict Saturday.

They had begun deliberations Friday night, were inter-

rupted when one of the jurors became ill, and resumed Saturday.

Jury selection began Nov. 30, and the trial opened 11 days ago. Lyle originally was also charged with first-degree murder, but Judge Joseph Lewis had granted a defense motion to dismiss that charge.

The defense did not contest that Lyle shot Clark but contended the shooting was an act of self-defense in a struggle between the two men.

The incident took place last New Year's Eve at Lyle's home in Lakewood, a suburb of Denver, Colorado.



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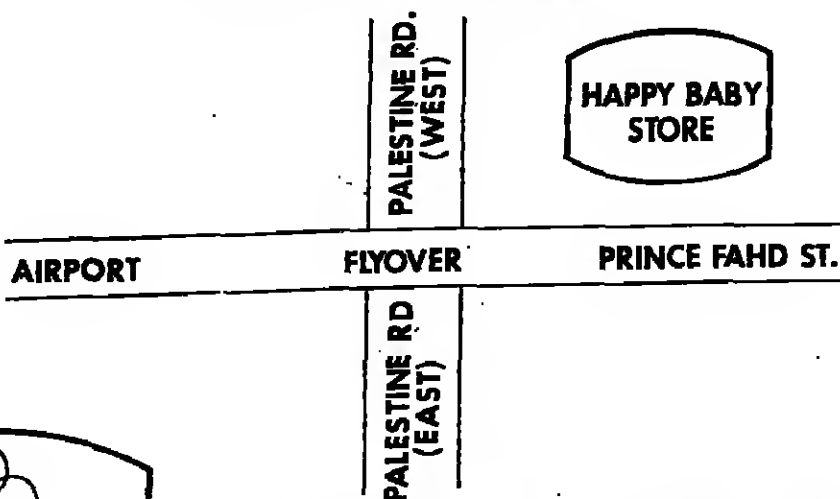
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Britain rearms

By Walter Ellis

BONN — Early this year British military pride took a severe knock when it was revealed that not only were the country's NATO forces in Germany short of vital equipment but there were not even enough men available to keep what equipment there was fully used.

It appeared from press reports that scores, if not hundreds, of tanks were rusting where they stood for lack of trained crews to man them. Retired colonels were outraged. There were letters in "The Times" and questions were asked in parliament.

In fact, the situation was never quite as bad as it was represented. Some tanks were "left on the square", but there were few in number and have since been brought back into service. General manning shortages did not affect the army's fighting capacity but merely meant that, in peace time, a number of men were engaged in administration who had been trained in the arts of war.

The new commander-in-chief of Britain's 55,000-strong Rhine Army, Gen. Sir William Scotter, has been at pains since taking up his appointment to assure the press, and anyone else who will listen, that his forces are as up-to-date and battle-ready as any in the world. The British Army in Germany, he says, is fully functional and is capable of carrying out all obligations imposed by NATO.

Asked about the problems which led to the press reports that so evidently disturbed him, Gen. Scotter admits only to "a degree of overstretch." He is more fulsome about the present situation. "Today, the British forces are bang up to the mark. In fact, we're way ahead of everybody."

No doubt, the general exaggerates somewhat. Sir William is full of enthusiasm about his appointment and about the men under his command. Nevertheless, there has been a significant rethink of Britain's defense policy in the last couple of years and it is no longer accurate to describe the Labor government as being committed to a gradual rundown of the country's armed strength.

In 1974, Labor had been returned to power end, in deference to the wishes of its left-wing and the need to solve the country's economic problems, a defense review was carried out, leading quickly to a reduction in the defense budget. In Germany, the effects

were soon felt, and there was an embarrassing lack of new equipment, ammunition and men.

Britain's allies were horrified and there was public criticism of the cuts from the NATO secretary-general, Dr. Joseph Luns. In 1975, a further study was carried out of Britain's military requirements and it was agreed that the pruning of the previous year and had been rather too severe.

Three months ago, Defense Secretary Fred Mulley announced in London that permission had been granted for the army to take on a further 6,000 recruits — not a large number, but just about sufficient to plug the more obvious gaps in the structure. Some 4,000 of these new recruits will be posted to Germany when they have completed their basic training, and it is hoped that more men will be available as a result to take part in specialist activities and maneuvers.

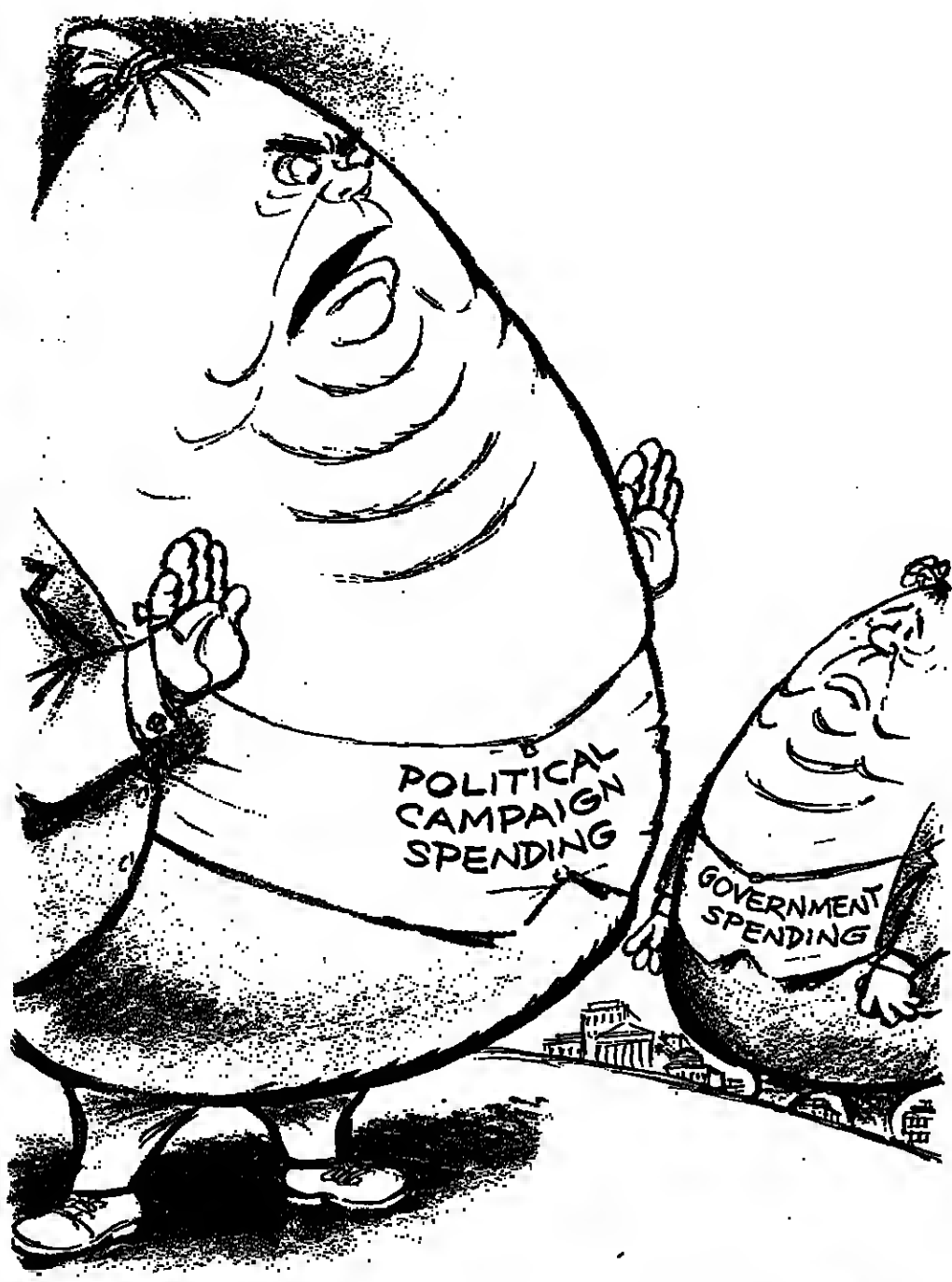
Equipment in the last year or so has been improved. Lynx helicopters fitted with antitank missiles are coming into service and will be used together with missile-equipped tracked vehicles and new hand-held weapons to make up a substantial antitank capacity in Germany. It has long been argued that something had to be done by the West to counteract the Warsaw Pact's massive tank superiority.

Gen. Scotter contends that Britain has now played its part in this process. He points out, moreover, that a new British battle tank for the late 1980s and 1990s is now being developed. The existing Chieftain tank, when fitted with revolutionary "Chobham" armor, is already in the opinion of many experts the best tank in the world, but, inevitably, as gradually losing its edge as it approaches the bat-way point in its intended service life.

West Germany's own armed forces have recently undergone a large-scale restructuring, intended to increase fighting strength and flexibility without a need for extra manpower. Britain observed the changes made with great interest and has just carried out a similar exercise, with the result that administration has been streamlined and enough men released from desk duties to form a fifth operational field force.

Scotter agrees that many improvements still need to be made but is adamant that his forces are second to none and determined to prove it. (OFNS)

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Mexico's oil promise

By Alver Carlson

WASHINGTON — Recent discoveries of vast oil reserves in Mexico may not turn out to be the windfall to the U.S. they were once expected to be.

After months of analyzing claims of huge reserves south of the American border, senior energy experts here now say they doubt it Mexican oil will be available in large enough quantities to tip the balance against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Mexico has said it does not intend joining OPEC. Prior to the huge new discoveries, Department of Energy officials had estimated that Mexico contained 20 billion barrels of proven reserves, 37 billion barrels of probable reserves and 200 billion barrels of potential reserves.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which also monitors such matters, is more conservative, estimating that Mexico has proven and probable reserves totalling 30 billion barrels.

These figures do not include the recent reported find of a field south of Tampico, in southeast Mexico, with reserves estimated at 106 billion barrels.

The total would put Mexico in the same League as Saudi, Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

But the comparison ends there, according to U.S. officials.

One of the large fields in Mexico, the Samaria in northern Mexico, is producing about 300,000 barrels a day.

This is impressive, they say, but not when placed against the production of the Ghawar field, which pumps out 5.3 million barrels daily.

Moreover, the new field south of Tampico will be difficult and expensive to exploit since its treasures are trapped in clay.

This will make it necessary to sink some 16,000 wells, Mexican officials say, creating a situation similar to Texas where the landscape in some regions is covered with thousands of oil derricks.

Oil analysts familiar with the area said they have doubts about how much of the potential reserves will be economically viable.

Mexico is moving quickly to take advantage of its new found wealth.

Mexico, a relatively large country, with a growing population and some of the largest urban slums in the world, has a current population of 63 million and demographers estimate it could reach 100 million by the year 2000.

For the Mexicans, the oil is being viewed as part of the answers to what had been expected by many to be a deteriorating pattern of economic stagnation and political instability.

The oil was greeted with enthusiasm in the United States, where some officials said privately that perhaps it could be used to pry apart the pricing grip of OPEC.

The United States is now buying some 300,000 barrels a day from Mexico, a portion of which is going into the country's growing strategic oil re-

serve, expected to hit one billion barrels by 1985.

But Mexican oil costs as much as OPEC oil, \$12.70 a barrel, and the Mexicans have not seen any reason to change this policy.

The United States currently needs about 18 million barrels a day to run its economy. Of this, approximately eight million barrels are imported.

Mexico has projected its total oil production will hit 2.2 million barrels a day by 1980 and U.S. officials say privately they expect it to produce five to six million barrels a day by 1985.

It is not certain now how much of this production will be used internally by Mexico. But even in 1985 it does not appear to U.S. exports that Mexico would export enough to hurt OPEC.

Moreover, even if Mexican oil does begin to influence prices, American exports believe the downward pressure will be slight. Also imports from Mexico will show up in the U.S. poor balance of payments just as much as imports from Saudi Arabia.

For this reason, U.S. officials are sticking by their original plan which is to increase energy production, to seek out development of new systems such as solar energy and to improve conservation.

Still, Mexico is being viewed with more respect these days by Washington officials since unveiling its tremendous reserves.

As one official put it: "They have not asked for our help, but we would certainly be willing to if they did." (R)

Few Mideast options open

By Barry Schwid

WASHINGTON — When U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance landed in the Middle East last Sunday there was reason to hope he could wrap up a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in a week's time.

At the White House, there was more than hope. President Carter had sent Vance on his seventh trip to the area in less than two years. The president was determined that the Camp David summit would be crowned with success.

To drive the point home in Cairo and Tel Aviv, Carter declared that the target date set in the Camp David "framework agreement" was a deadline.

There was no mistaking Carter's message. He wanted the treaty wrapped up by Sunday, Dec. 17, within a week of Vance's arrival.

The Vance mission failed. In some ways, there are more unresolved issues now than there were when Vance touched down at a Cairo airport last Monday night and helicoptered to the Barrages to see President Anwar Sadat.

What went wrong? Most importantly, Vance was unable to persuade Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to accept the end of 1979 as a target date for Palestinian elections in Gaza and on the West Bank of Jordan.

From an Israeli point of view, new demands by Sadat caused the setback. Begin "went through the roof" when Vance brought him

Sadat's proposals for linking the treaty to Palestinian autonomy, reporters traveling with Vance were told.

The Israeli prime minister was especially furious over Sadat's decision to hold back on an exchange of ambassadors with Israel until the Palestinians gained self-rule in Gaza.

The Camp David summit last September produced two "framework agreements," one for an Egyptian-Israeli treaty returning the Sinai to Sadat, the other for negotiating Palestinian autonomy on the Israeli-held West Bank and in Gaza.

Begin insists the two negotiations must be kept separate.

Carter's deadline may have complicated Vance's problems. As the issues multiplied, Vance found himself with too little time to wrestle with them.

Finally, he dropped his offer to mount an extended diplomatic shuttle and flew home Friday to join Carter for the dramatic announcement on normalizing relations with China.

Now, Carter, disappointed and quite likely angry, has to plan a salvage operation.

The options open to him are few.

The most likely, at the moment, is a cooling-off period of several weeks. This would serve two purposes:

—Allow the U.S. pressure campaign against Israel to sink in.

—Permit strategists to assess the mood in the Israeli and Egyptian governments.

Vance and his Middle East

experts, drawn from the State Department and the White House, fear erosion most of all.

They are worried that Sadat's lack of support in the Arab world for peace with Israel may cause the Egyptian leader to back away from an agreement.

They are also worried that Begin's government and the Israeli people may be reconsidering the merits of a treaty with Egypt.

Looking for a silver lining, they find in Israel's rejection of Egyptian proposals a hint that the U.S. idea of a target date will eventually be accepted.

And despite the Israeli cabinet's unanimity, some of Begin's ministers are believed to be not all that opposed to the Egyptian proposals.

Clearly, Sadat has the support of the Carter administration at this stage.

Vance and his aides give Sadat full credit for dropping his demand for a step-by-step timetable on Palestinian autonomy and accepting the target date instead.

The changes he proposed are considered "clarifications" that would not change the basic intent of the treaty text agreed on last month by Egyptian and Israeli negotiators in Washington.

By contrast, Israel is accused of misrepresenting the Egyptian proposals and of unfairly charging that the Carter administration is biased in Sadat's favor.

Relations between Washington and Tel Aviv are strained as never before. —(AP)

Teng and the reconciliation

EDITOR'S NOTE — AP special correspondent John Roderick covered the Chinese civil war between the Communists and Nationalists in 1945-48 and has continued to watch and write about the China scene.

By John Roderick

TOKYO — China's determined Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping was the driving force behind the final reconciliation with the U.S., a goal envisaged nearly three decades ago by his friend and patron, the late Premier Chou En-lai.

The Communist Party leadership recognized Teng's role in the normalization of diplomatic relations — announced this weekend in Peking and Washington — when it chose him to be the first high-ranking Chinese official to visit the United States, a trip he will make in late January.

Small — 1.5 meters tall, 45 kilograms — the 74-year-old Teng has inherited Chou's mantle, and has begun to transform China from provincial isolation to the kind of society Chou wanted.

In the past three months Teng has been driving his impoverished country toward the goals Chou En-lai outlined in January 1975. His objective: making China an advanced agricultural, industrial, military and scientifically sophisticated country by the dawn of the 21st century.

Secret files made public by the U.S. State Department recently disclosed that Chou offered to align China with the United States in 1949, the year the People's Republic was established. His overture was rejected and he turned to the Soviet Union.

Chou made a second attempt in the mid-1950s, after the Korean War, but was rebuffed by then-Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The third initiative, begun in 1971 with "ping pong diplomacy," took then-President Richard Nixon to Peking and resulted in the Shanghai Communiqué, setting both nations on the course leading to this weekend's unexpected announcement.

A native of Szechuan province, Teng went to Peking in 1952 after a successful military-political career. It included study in France, the Long March of the 1930s and victories in the later civil war.

He incurred Mao's anger soon after when, in drawing up a new constitution, he failed to give credit to the powerful party chairman, even then a legend among the Communists. He crossed Mao a second time in the early 1960s when he joined with President Liu Shao-chi and Chou in the moves that effectively put the chairman on the political shelf after the failure of the first "Great Leap Forward."

Teng paid dearly for his single-minded insistence that economic progress came before Maoism. The last straw was when he resisted the Mao-inspired 1966-69 Cultural Revolution. He became one of its main targets and was purged from power.

Chou brought him back, along with many others, in 1973. But four months after Chou died in January 1976, the Maoist extremists, led by Mao's wife, Chiang Ching, purged Teng again.

It took Mao's death in September that year, and the fall of the radicals a month later, to clear Teng a second time. By then he had missed the main chance, and a newcomer, Hua Kuo-feng, moved into the premiership and the party chairmanship.

Back in position in July 1977, Teng took over the modernization drive. Under the party's loose control, speakers and posters rose this year to demand the rule of law and the rehabilitation of past Maoist victims. More startling still were posters covering Peking's walls with first-time demands for a re-evaluation of Mao himself. Some even called Mao a "fascist dictator."

Teng's aims in encouraging the "Peking Spring" were twofold: To cut Mao down to size and stir up demands for freedom.

The legend of Mao's infallibility had to be demolished. Along with his decree that China must go it alone, Teng planned to seek help from abroad.

On Oct. 23, Teng witnessed the conclusion in Tokyo of a Chinese-Japanese peace treaty.

Teng, touring Japan, sought commitments for building steel plants, oil equipment, petrochemical complexes, railways and other facilities, and received many of them. An earlier \$20-billion two-day trade agreement was dismissed as not enough; negotiations began to double it.

Soon Japan, West Germany, Britain, France and the United States were racing to get a piece of the action.

In the general stampede for Chinese business, the Americans lagged behind. Through the sales of agricultural products held out the promise of \$1 billion in trade for 1978. Negotiations for the finest products — plants and know-how in which the United States excels — bogged down over the question of diplomatic recognition.

The impetus toward full relations had slowed after the promising beginnings of "ping pong diplomacy" and Nixon's 1972 visit to Peking. When Jimmy Carter became president in January 1977, movement towards relations was at a standstill.

In July 1977, veteran labor leader Leonard Woodcock was appointed chief of the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking. The visit of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance the following month raised hopes.

His visit, it appeared, had been badly prepared. Teng told an Associated Press delegation in September that instead of advancing relations, it had set them back.

In May this year, Zbigniew Brzezinski recovered the lost ground, and a succession of visits by high-ranking Americans followed. — (AP)

saudi press review

"Al-Bilad" said the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China is the most surprising political development of the year.

It said the decision is aimed principally at the Soviet Union "which is trying to obstruct the conclusion of another SALT agreement and complicate matters for the United States by infiltrating certain parts of the world to create tensions and disturbances." But still, the main loser in this game is, of course, Taiwan.

The paper wondered "what is going to happen to Taiwan now that its principal friend is no longer there?"

"It is possible that China will try to escalate the confrontation with Taiwan with a view to 'liberate it' peacefully as the Communist Chinese have been saying although this 'liberation' might have to wait while China undergoes its massive and ambitious industrialization plan to catch up with the western countries by the year 2000."

"But the most important aspect of the decision is the projection of national interests above everything else although the United States may be anxious to avoid dealing a serious

blow to its old friends by striking a fair balance between them and the new ones. How this can be done will be revealed in the future."

Commenting on the same issue "Al-Madina" said the decision will have important political and economic repercussions and will affect the present political balance not only in East Asia but also among the big powers.

"The United States has not only abandoned an old friend (Taiwan) but has also taken a decision to weaken the Soviet Union in that region for many years to come. This has been the intention since Henry Kissinger, the former secretary of state, tried to break the barriers to normalization of relations between the U.S. and China."

"This was one of the reasons for the Japanese decision to establish normal relations with China and sign a friendship agreement for large scale cooperation."

"Communist China today is not the China of Mao. It is undergoing a transformation, at least apparently, and the attempts to debunk Mao and Maoism are an indication of the atmosphere that is being prepared for a greater change in Communist China," the paper said.

"America has realized that it is advisable to exploit these changes and the Chinese desire to industrialize by depending on Western technology. These desires may someday change from the material to the ideological, and the U.S. has not wasted time to grasp the opportunity."

"Another important factor behind the decision to normalize relations with China is certainly economic. China is a vast market and in the process of rebuilding its economic structure, it could be a valuable customer for American goods and services. This is a crucial factor and perhaps it is more important than the moral values involved in the U.S. decision."

"Okaz" commented on the OPEC conference and urged the member states to reach a decision "that is of benefit to producers and consumers."

The paper said "there is no point in increasing the price of oil by a wide margin if this increase will eventually be offset by further deterioration in the world economic situation." The paper said that a suggestion to increase the price of oil by 15 per cent "is absurd" because the world economy cannot absorb such a high rate.



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The Wrights' own account of the dawn of aviation

EDITOR'S NOTE — Sunday was the 75th anniversary of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first powered airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The feat was duly noted by the press at the time, but the Wrights claimed the account was "incorrect in almost every detail." Here, from the archives of Wright State University, is their own account, written for the Associated Press and transmitted Jan. 5, 1904.

By Orville Wright

And Wilbur Wright
DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1904 (AP) — It had not been our intention to make any detailed public statement concerning the private trials of our power "Flyer" on the 17th of December last; but since the contents of a private telegram announcing to our folks at home the success of our trials, was dishonestly communicated to the newspapermen at the Norfolk office, and led to the imposition upon the public, by persons who never saw the "Flyer" or its flights, of a fictitious story incorrect in almost every detail; and since this story together with several pretended interviews or state-

ments, which were fakes, pure and simple, have been widely disseminated, we feel impelled to make some correction.

The real facts were as follows:

On the morning of December 17th, between the hours of 10:30 o'clock and noon, four flights were made, two by Orville Wright and two by Wilbur Wright. The starts were all made from a point on the level sand about 200 feet west of our camp, which is located a quarter of a mile north of the Kill Devil sand hill, in Dare County, North Carolina.

The wind at the time of the flights had a velocity of 27 miles an hour at ten o'clock, and 24 miles an hour at noon, as recorded by the anemometer

at the Kitty Hawk weather bureau station.

This anemometer is thirty feet from the ground. Ground measurements, made with a hand anemometer at a height of four feet from the ground, showed a velocity of about 22 miles when the first flight was made, and 20½ miles at the time of the last one.

The flights were directly against the wind. Each time the machine started from the level ground by its own power alone with no assistance from gravity, or any other source whatever.

After a run of about 40 feet along a monorail track, which held the machine eight inches from the ground, it rose from the track and under the direction of the operator, climbed upward on an inclined course until eight or ten feet from the ground was reached, after which the course was kept as near horizontal as the wind gusts and the limited skill of the operator would permit.

Into the teeth of a December gale the "Flyer" made its way forward with a speed of ten miles an hour over the ground and 30-35 miles an hour air.

It had previously been decided that for reasons of personal safety these first trials would be made as close to the ground as possible. The height chosen was scarcely sufficient for maneuvering in so gusty a wind and with previous acquaintance with the conduct of the machine and its controlling mechanisms. Consequently the first flight was short.

The succeeding flights rapid-



ly increased in length and at the fourth trial a flight of fifty-nine seconds was made, in which time the machine flew a little more than half a mile through the air, and a distance of 852 feet over the ground.

The landing was due to a slight error of judgment on the part of the aviator. After passing over a little hummock of sand, in attempting to bring the machine down to the desired height, the operator turned the rudder too far, and the

machine turned downward more quickly than had been expected. Reverse movement of the rudder was a fraction of a second too late to prevent the machine from touching the ground and thus ending the flight. The whole occurrence occupied little, if any, more than one second of time.

Only those who are acquainted with practical aeronautics can appreciate the difficulties of attempting the first trials of a flying machine in a twenty-five mile gale. As winter al-

ready was well set in, we should have postponed our trials to a more favorable season, but for the fact that we were determined, before returning home, to know whether the machine possessed sufficient power to fly, sufficient strength to sustain the shocks of landings, and sufficient capacity of control to make flight safe in boisterous winds as well as in calm air.

When these points had been definitely established, we at

once packed our goods and returned home, knowing that the age of the flying machine had come at last.

From the beginning we have employed entirely new principles of control, and as all the experiments have been conducted at our own expense without assistance from any individual or institution, we do not feel ready at present to give out any pictures or detailed description of the machine.

Wrights remembered

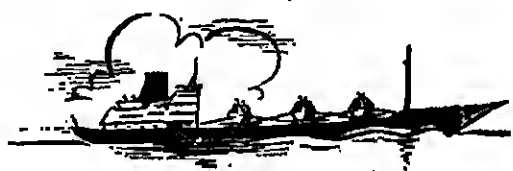
KITTY HAWK, North Carolina Dec. 17 (AP) — Visitors in private planes landed Saturday at a tiny air strip on this windswept stretch of North Carolina's outer banks where aviation is generally regarded as having been born 75 years ago.

Thousands attended Sunday's ceremonies commemorating the Dec. 17, 1903 flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright.

The Kitty Hawk landing strip parallels at its northern end the flight area used by the Dayton, Ohio, brothers to launch their frail craft for the first powered airplane flight. The flight, with Orville at the controls, nosed into a 27 mile per hour wind, lasted for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet.

The Wrights made four flights on the day 75 years ago, with Wilbur flying the last one. He kept the Flyer aloft for 59 seconds and traveled 852 feet, their longest of the day. Later, a sudden gust of wind flipped the plane over and ended operations for the day.

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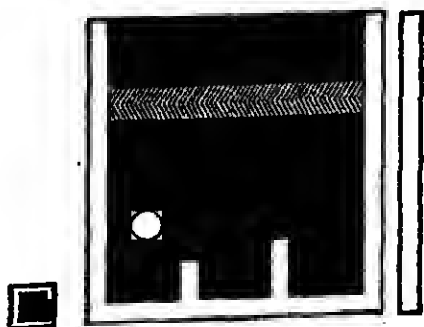
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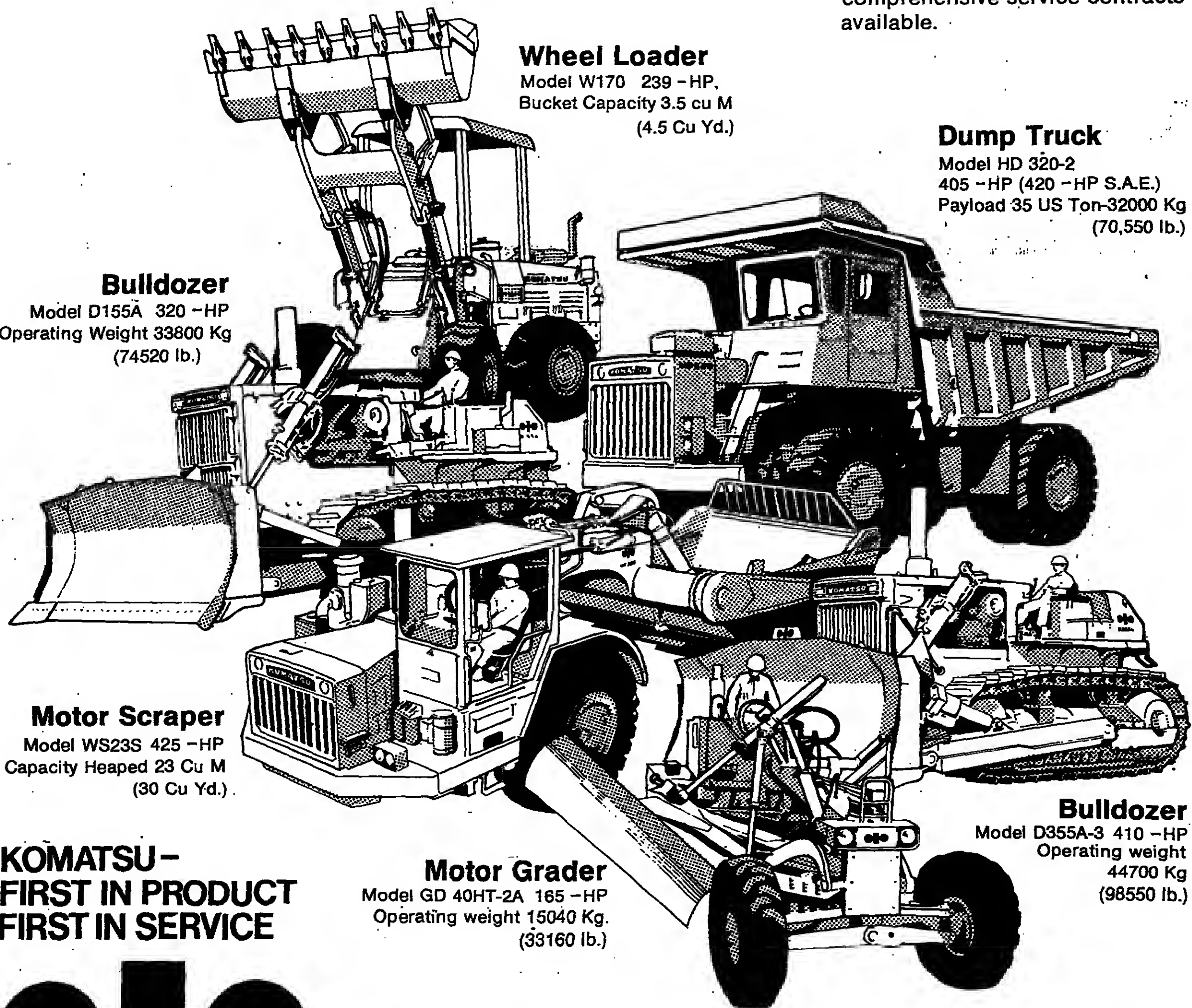
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Bears defeat Redskins to kill playoff hopes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP) — Steve Schuhert returned a punt 73 yards for a touchdown Saturday to lead the Chicago Bears to a 14-10 victory over Washington and kill the last chance the Redskins had of making the National Football League playoffs.

The Redskins ended the season with a record of eight victories and eight losses after winning their first six and then dropping eight of the final 10, including the last five.

The Bears, who earlier had a losing streak of eight in a row, finished their season with two consecutive victories and a 7-9 record.

In the other NFL game, Saturday Terry Bradshaw, dissecting Denver's defense with a razor-sharp passing attack, threw for two touchdowns and set up another with key third-down passes to John Stallworth, sparking the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 21-17 victory.

The victory enabled the playoff-bound Steelers to end their regular season, 14-2. Denver, also headed for the playoffs, finished at 10-6, despite a furious second-half rally.

College

In college football, Saturday Mark Malone rallied Arizona State from an early 10-point deficit, throwing three touchdown passes and scoring twice on short runs in lifting the favored Sun Devils to a 34-18 victory over Rutgers in the inaugural Garden State Bowl.

Other results:
Independence Bowl: East Carolina 35, Louisiana Tech 13
Pioneer Bowl: Florida A and M 35, Massachusetts 28
City of Palms Bowl: Angelo St. 34, Elon 14.

English move 177 ahead after Australian collapse

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — A stubborn unbroken opening partnership of 58 between Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch in the final two hours of play on the second day of the second test, here Sunday gave England a commanding 177-run lead over Australia.

Earlier, the England bowlers, spearheaded by Bob Willis, with five for 44 Australia for 190 in its first innings in reply to England's 390.

Once again the Australian batsmen capitulated to the speed of Willis, and only a defiant, unbeaten 81 by overnight batsman Peter Tooley saved the side from being bundled out for just over a hundred.

Willis, much troubled with blistered feet, had Australian vice-captain Gary Cosier caught in the slips with only 18 runs scored and the dismissal opened the way for the quick fall of several more wickets.

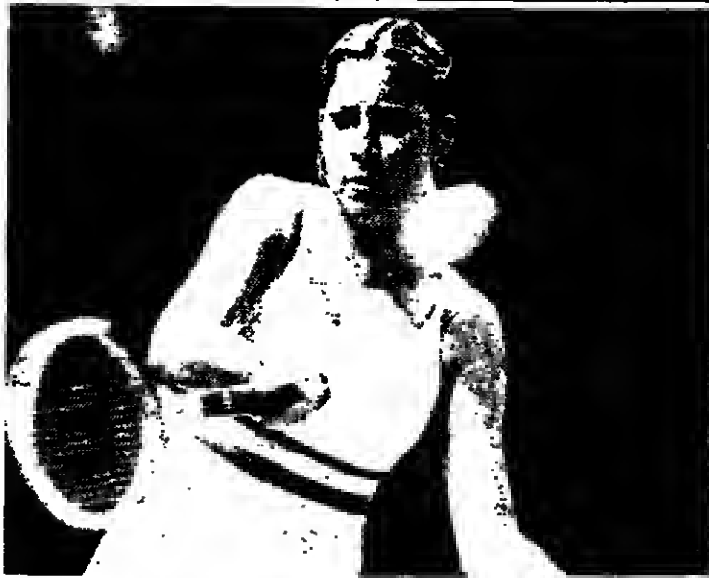
Boycott, with 23, and Gooch,

with 26, batted together confidently for the first on the tour giving England its best opening start of the series and proving that the wicket was not too blame for Australia's low score.

Bangalore draw expected
In Bangalore, India Sunday, an unbeaten ninth-wicket partnership of 51 for between all-rounder Karsan Ghavri and former captain Bishan Bedi halted West Indian bowling successes on the third day of second test.

India, once 233 for three in reply to the West Indies' first innings score of 437, had slumped to 318 for eight when Ghavri Bedi came together. They batted through the last 71 minutes without offering a chance and took the score to 369 for eight at the close.

Although the West Indies was still 68 runs ahead at Sunday's close, there seems little possibility of a result. Only two days remain after the rest day Monday and the pitch is becoming slower and easier.



WINNER: Chris Evert, beaten finalist at Wimbledon this year, defeated her victor Martina Navratilova in straight sets in the Emerson Cup Sunday.

Evert beats Navratilova for valuable Japan cup

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (AP) — American Chris Evert, playing aggressively and employing all her tennis skill, Sunday defeated fellow American Martina Navratilova, 7-5, 6-2, in the finals of the women's tennis championship "Emerson Cup 70" before a packed crowd of 5,500 spectators.

The \$200,000 tournament is one of the world's richest. Evert earned \$100,000 for two days' play.

Navratilova received \$50,000 for finishing second in the four player tournament. Third prize \$30,000 went to Britain's Virginia Wade, the 1977 Wimbledon champion, who earlier in the day defeated Evonne Cawley of Australia, 7-6, 6-4. Cawley received \$20,000.

It took Evert one hour and ten minutes to avenge her defeat in this year's Wimbledon's final.

The tournament went smoothly until Navratilova protested to the umpire that Evert's return shot landed outside of the court line when she was leading 3-4 in the first set.

After the protest the referee called it "no count" and the game was resumed.

"I'm frustrated about the bad linesman's call," Navratilova said. "That bad call cost me the set and probably the match. I don't mind if I lost on my stupidity but with the

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Japan garners 5 swim, 4 athletics gold

BANGKOK, Thailand, Dec. 17 (Agencies) — Japan wound up its major gold-gaining activity with a sweep of five swimming races and had its best day so far in athletics Sunday, extending its big Asian Games medal lead.

With Asian swimmers leaving only two Games swimming records unbroken in 29 races, Japan ended up with 25 swimming golds, 23 of the records and nine triple gold medalists.

It also won one cycling and one fencing gold Sunday and four in track and field, pushing its total count to 62 gold medals, 52 silver and 39 bronzes.

Second-placed China gained two track and field golds, one in water polo, where it swamped Japan, and it's first in weightlifting, boosting its total to 40 golds, 39 silvers and 36 bronzes.

A Thai sprinter and an iron-

muscle Japanese marathon runner grabbed the individual glory Sunday.

Thailand's hero was Juesuraporn Suchart, who flashed to victory in the 100 meters in 10.44 seconds, a good time on the slow national stadium cinder track.

At the other end of the athletics spectrum, Mineteru Sakamoto of Japan struck gold after a gruelling marathon contest with two tough North Korean rivals which started at dawn. Sakamoto's time of two hours 15 minutes 29.7 seconds slashed more than six minutes off the games record, the Kingdom's Shatwi Awad and Nader Eid were 11th and 19th.

Another track star was pig-tailed North Korean Kim Ok Sun, who became the first double athletics gold medalist by winning the 3,000 meters in much the same devastating fashion as she had shown

in the earlier 1500 meters. Iraq, easily the most impressive of the Arab countries in the athletics, gained their second track gold medal when Hassan Khadum threw himself at the tape to win the men's 400 meters hurdles in a Games record time of 50.81 seconds.

Kamal Abhusi of the Kingdom was seventh in 54.01. In other finals, the Kingdom's Ghazi Marzouk was ninth in the high jump with 1.97 meters. Muhammad Abu Hama-na was ninth in the men's 3,000 meters steeplechase with 10.15.1 and Ahmad Ghamdi was eighth in the hammer with 35.40 meters.

Giants

Pakistan and India, Asia's hockey giants, won through to Tuesday's final with clearcut victories. Pakistan beat Malaysia, 2-0, while India won 2-0 against Japan.

The weightlifting competi-

tion wound up with Arab competitors making a strong showing. Talar Nagar won Syria's first medal of the games by capturing the heavyweight (110 km) title while two Iraqis took the silver and bronze medals behind Chinese Strongman Yang Huar-ching in the super-heavyweight division.

Saudi basketballers and volleyballers scored convincing victories Sunday in the losers' bracket of the two tournaments.

In volleyball, Saudi Arabia beat Thailand to keep three-game unbeaten record equal with India at the top of the bracket. In Basketball, Saudi Arabia trounced Qatar at the bottom of the bracket, 135-46.

In swimming, the Kingdom's Sharif Elwee placed seventh in the men's 200-meters individual medley final with 2:27.41. Saudi Arabia placed last in the 4x200 meters freestyle relay final.

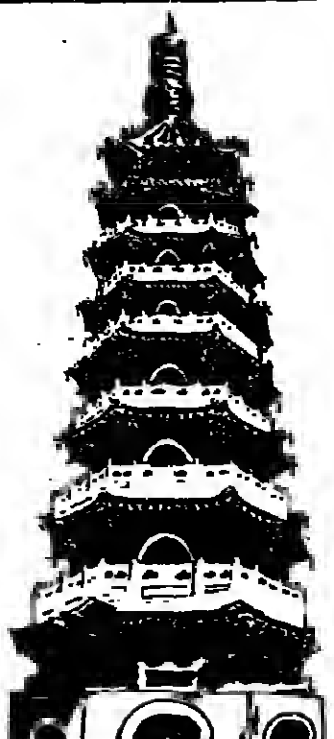
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP) — A U.S.-China trade expert, who arranged current talks between the Chinese and American oil companies, says gasoline from Chinese crude oil may someday power Americans' cars.

But Christopher Phillips, president of the National Council for U.S.-China Trade, said it would be at least five years before the tigers in some tanks may be replaced by Chi-

nese dragons.

However, he was optimistic that establishment of diplomatic ties with Peking on Jan. 1 would increase mutual trust between Chinese negotiators and representatives of eight U.S. oil firms. The firms are negotiating separately for agreements to develop China's vast offshore reserves.

"Creating a new atmosphere will do no harm," Phillips said, adding: "It's entirely possible

that Chinese oil will at some point be consumed by American automobiles."

In another development China has built a new oil refinery capable of processing 2.5 million tons of crude oil a year in Chekiang, China's Hsinhua news agency reported Sunday. The refinery in east China went into operation on Nov. 20, the agency said.

In a dispatch from Peking, Hsinhua said the refinery built with Chinese designs and equipment is part of the overall development plan for China's oil industry.

It said the refinery has vacuum distillation, catalytic cracking other installations, plus storage tanks and two birch for tankers up to 24,000 tons.

The refinery began producing gasoline, kerosene, diesel oil, heavy oil and liquefied petroleum gas, it said.

Meanwhile, Hsinhua said "more oil and gas fields were discovered and opened this year."

It said "a number of new oilfields were discovered around the high-yielding Kechiu oilfield on the north China Plain. 1,650 new wells have begun producing oil so far this year, more than double the number of new wells sunk in the same period last year," Hsinhua said.



THE GOLD FIXERS: As these five businessmen meet in the Rothschild's room in the City of London, the rest of the currency world wait with held breath as they deliberate and fix the price of gold. Picture shows the daily meeting. The five representatives from Sharps Frères & Co. Ltd; Mocatta & Goldsmith Ltd; Johnson Matthey Bankers Ltd; Samuel Montagu & Co. Ltd. and N.M. Rothschild & Sons Ltd. meet twice daily to fix the price of gold. (Central Press Photos)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Cash	Forward
Opening Sunday	3.37	3.37
U.S. Dollar	6.70	6.70
Pound Sterling	178.00	178.25
Deutsche Mark (160)	200.00	200.25
Swiss F (100)	78.00	77.75
French F (100)	4.05	4.10
Italian Lira (1000)	111.50	111.75
Lebanese Lira (100)	81.25	81.60
Syrian Lira (100)	4.55	4.85
Egyptian Pound	12.35	12.30
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.40	11.35
Jordanian Dinar	88.00	87.75
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.00	87.75
Qatari Riyal (100)	8.80	8.77
Bahraini Dinar	46.00	46.50
Iranian Riyal (100)	9.85	—
Iraqi Dinar	74.50	74.20
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—
South Yemeni Dinar	78.00	86.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	41.75
Indian Rupee (100)	—	34.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	22.350	—
Gold kg	2,605	—
10 Tolas bar	665	—
Silver kg bar	—	—

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EEC leader in Cairo

'Peace creates climate' for Euro-Arab cooperation

CAIRO, Dec. 17 (AP) — The Egyptian-Israeli peace process creates a propitious climate for a "spiritual dialog" and economic cooperation between the Arabs and the European Economic Community, the president of the European Parliament declared here Sunday.

Emilio Colombo also told the 360-man Egyptian People's Assembly (parliament) that the European Parliament and community "must show courage and institute balanced and equitable with all countries of the Middle East, especially the Mediterranean nations."

A summary of Colombo's

speech was distributed here in Arabic by the official Egyptian Middle East News Agency.

Colombo said the EEC has a "moral commitment" to help Egypt and the rest of the Arab world improve their economic, cultural and technical conditions.

Initially, the EEC and the Arab world must broaden the scope of trade exchange and expand cooperation in monetary and industrial domains, the agency quoted Colombo as urging.

The former Italian premier praised Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for launching the peace dialog with Israel.

IEA asks members to ban oil-fired thermal plants

TOKYO, Dec. 17 (AP) — The International Energy Agency (IEA) has proposed to its 19 members a ban on construction of oil-burning thermal power stations, Kyodo News Service said quoting Japanese government sources.

It said IEA asked member countries including Japan to lower their dependence on imported oil and suggested greater utilization of coal. The proposal, the sources said, appeared to be a hard one for Japan which wants to produce more energy with imported oil in the future.

Kyodo quoted sources as saying IEA is most likely to approve the proposal at its ministerial-level meeting planned for next March or April a few months before a summit meeting of seven industrially-advanced nations in Tokyo next June.

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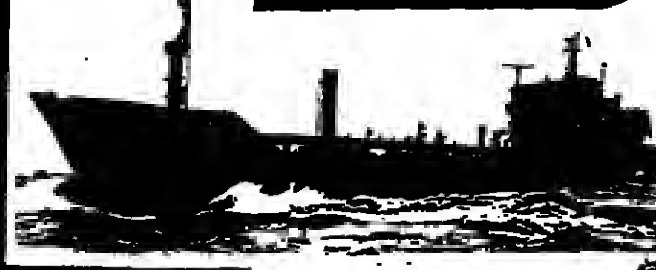
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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Building of three lavatories in Sabhat Al-Hussein village in Duba town	26-96/97	500	Feb. 2
* " " "	Fencing of five graveyards in rural areas in Duba	xx	2000	Dec. 23
* Ministry of Communications	Surfacing of first portion of road-Taif/Beni Saad (36/A Baha Bilad Zahran) — 75 Kms.	xx	2000	Dec. 23
* " " "	Surfacing of second portion of road-Taif/Beni Saad (36/B Taqif/ Bilad Zahran) — 91 Kms.	xx	2000	Dec. 23
* " " "	Surfacing of third portion of road-Taif/Beni Saad (36/C Beni Saad Ghazayel Taqif) — 80 Kms.	xx	2000	Dec. 23
* " " "	Surfacing of Baha's mountain road — 47 Kms.	xx	2000	Dec. 23

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 17TH DECEMBER 1978

1-VESSELS DISCHARGING	BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	CARGO	ARR. DATE
1A	—	—	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	—	—	—	—
4	OCEAN HAPPINESS	A.E.T. ABDALLAH	CONTAINERS & GENERAL	16/12/1978	
5	CHAR HO	—	STEEL CTRS. CND GOODS	13/12/1978	
6	AGIOS GERASSIMOS	RED SEA KANOO	GENERAL & CONTAINERS	15/12/1978	
7	GREEN VALLEY (BRGS)	—	GENERAL CARGO	14/12/1978	
8	MARE BOREALE	STAR NAV. AL WANI	FRUIT	14/12/1978	
9	MINERVA II	—	CND. FOOD & GENERAL	14/12/1978	
10	CHAR CRUN	ABDALLAH	C. FRS GEN. TIM CND GOODS, FWOOD	13/12/1978	
11	WINONA	ALSAADA	RICE & GENERAL	13/12/1978	
12	—	—	—	—	
13	—	—	—	—	
14	STALO 2	A.A.	BAGGED CEMENT	28/11/1978	
15	—	—	—	—	
16	—	—	—	—	
17	ACHILLEUS	ROLACO	BULK CEMENT	21/11/1978	
18	—	—	—	—	
19	PEKARI	M.E.S.A.	BANANA	16/12/1978	
20	—	—	—	—	
21	TYSLA	BARBER	CONTAINERS & GEN.	16/12/1978	
22	FILIPINAS SAUDI I	S.A.M.A.	ACCOMMODATION SHIP	—	
23	—	—	—	—	
24	NORTTRANS EGERO	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS	14/12/1978	
25	—	—	—	—	
26	CHARITY	—	BAGGED SUGAR	13/12/1978	
27	VINCENZIA	ORRI	BAGGED BARLEY	14/12/1978	
28	PANAGHIA	OCEAN TRD	GEN STEEL LUB. OIL	12/12/1978	
29	—	—	—	—	
30	FUZZAAN	A.E.T.	BAGGED CEMENT	15/12/1978	
31	HUAL TRAVELLER	RED SEA	VEHICLES	16/12/1978	

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ABHA	RED SEA	RO RO	16/12/1978
MERZARIO PERSIA	A.E.T.	RO RO	16/12/1978

Vessels Working at Anchorage

NIL

2-Recent Arrivals

MINERVA II	ALWANI	GENFRAI	16/12/1978
GULF DE TADJURAH	BAABOUD	OLRRA	16/12/1978
PEKARI	M.E.S.A.	BANANAS	16/12/1978
OCEAN HAPPINESS	A.E.T.	CONTAINERS & GEN.	16/12/1978
TYSLA	BARBER	CONTAINERS GENERAL	16/12/1978
MERSARIO PERSIA	A.E.T.	RO RO	16/12/1978
ABHA	RED SEA	RD RO	16/12/1978
NORTTRANS EGERO	ALIREZA	CONTAINERS	16/12/1978
STAR NAV.	—	APPLES	16/12/1978
HUAL TRAVELLER	A.E.T.	VEHICLES	17/12/1978
ALPHA	—	GENERAL	17/12/1978
FAYEZ	—	—	17/12/1978

3-Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

GRIGORIOS C IV	ALPHA	GENERAL & REEFER	17/12/1978
BRITTENBURG	ALGIZRAH	GENERAL & CONTRS	17/12/1978
MARKOS	BAROUM	BAGGED CEMENT	17/12/1978

4-TONNAGES DISCHARGED (Freight tons) : 34688

WAITING TIME: NIL

Importers having goods on the abovementioned ships should complete their formalities as soon as possible.
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PORTS AUTHORITY KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM

SHIP MOVEMENTS UP TO THE MORNING OF 17TH DECEMBER 1978

CHANGES PAST 24 HRS. DATE: 17.1.1399/17.12.1978
TIME: 0700 HRS.

Vessels Working	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of cargo	Arrival Date
1	TAI SHOU	SOEASIA	GEN. STEEL	16/12/1978
2	TROLL RIVER	BARBER	CONTAINERS	17/12/1978
3	IRISH RUWAN	G.M.S.	GENERAL	15/12/1978
4	VANIL	KANOO	GENERAL	15/12/1978
12	SIRATHMAY	KANOO	GEN. CONTS.	16/12/1978
13	SHOHAKU MARU	GULF	PIPES	16/12/1978
14	CRESTA IV	SALLIE	GENERAL/TIMBER	16/12/1978
15	NADIA	KANOO	C. CEMENT	16/12/1978
16	ASIA ROSE (D.B.)	ALIREZA	BULK CEMENT	7/12/1978
17	IBN BAJJAH (2ND CALL)	KANOO	LOADING E. CONTRS.	17/12/1978
18	NEDON	ORRI	GEN LIME	15/12/1978

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Recent Arrivals

TROLL RIVER	BARBER	CONTAINERS	17/12/1978
CRESTA IV	SALLIE	GENERAL	16/12/1978
NADIA	KANOO	C. CEMENT	16/12/1978
SHOHAKU MARU	GULF	PIPES	16/12/1978
SIRATHMAY	KANOO	GEN. CONTS.	16/12/1978
ROBERT E LEE (LASH)	KANOO	LASH BARGES	15/12/1978
IBN BAJJAH	KANOO	(MACHINERY)	17/12/1978
STEPHANOS	ORRI	TO LOAD E. CONTRS.	15/12/1978

Vessels Expected Within 24 Hours

ALBATTANI	SOEASIA	—	—
BEAVERS BANK	KANOO	—	—
TILAPA	ORRI	—	—

TONNAGE DISCHARGED: 13,616.
WAITING TIME: NIL

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I ONLY ACCEPT OR REJECT THEM -

MY HUSBAND MAKES ALL DECISIONS IN OUR HOUSE -

DAGWOOD, WAKE UP! YOU'RE DREAMING!

I DREAMED I WAS LIVING IN THE OLD WEST AND GOT INTO A BARROOM BRAWL WITH SOME COWBOYS

STOP IT, RIGHT NOW! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER WORD!

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THAT BUNCH OF ROWDIES YOU HANG AROUND WITH IN YOUR DREAMS!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SIGN HERE, SIR...

AND HERE AND HERE

THE LAST TIME HE GOT THAT CLOSE TO YOUR PERFUME, HIS WIFE CLOBBERED HIM

I HATE TO STORM THESE ENGLISH CASTLES!

YEAH, YOU HAVE TO BE SO CAREFUL!

WATCH THE IVY!! WATCH THE IVY!!

WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS, OH SUBSTITUTE KING?

WHAT'S THE FIRST THING THE REAL KING USUALLY DOES?

HE COUNTS HIS MONEY

THEN WHAT DOES HE DO?

CARTWHEELS

Dennis the Menace

SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS?

I GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL WITH HER STUFF.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Post-Christmas event
- Be willing
- Tiling implement
- Lofty
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- Soil: Fr.
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DOWN

- 39 Kruger or Bismarck
- 41 "she blows!"
- 1 Nursery rhyme
- 2 Texas dieter
- 3 Devotee
- 4 the mud to
- 5 Marano's mother
- 6 Tropical tree
- 7 Save wedding costs
- 8 Spiral ornament
- 9 Meet with approval
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- 11 Adolescent
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- 13 Religious season
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- 24 Income
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FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN THE 1800s WORE NO HELMETS—SO THEY LET THEIR HANG-GROW LONG AS A PROTECTIVE CUSHION

GEORGE WHO WAS REPORTED KILLED MORE TIMES THAN ANY OTHER

DYNAMITE DICK, A 19th-CENTURY WESTERN BANDIT, WAS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT AGAIN AND AGAIN BY REWARD-SEEKING POSSES WHO GAVE HIS NAME TO DOZENS OF UNIDENTIFIED BODIES

Contract: B. Jay Becker

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

AYX YEBBNOXRR TM E CED
NO AYNR ZNMK QTXR OTA
VTORNR NO AYX EWRXOVX
WKA NO AYX CERAXJ TM
YNR BERRNTOR. — AXJOLRTO

Saturday's Cryptquote: LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS. YOU CAN'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM ALL YOURSELF. —MARTIN VANBEE

Bidding Quiz

When France played Italy in the 1960 World Bridge Olympiad (won by France), Bourchett and Delmonico were respectively West and East for France on this deal:

WEST EAST

♠ K Q 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A Q J 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A Q J 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A Q J 7 6 5 4 3 2

With West dealer and neither side vulnerable, the bidding went:

2♣ 2♦ 2♥ 2NT 3♥ 3NT 4♥ 4NT 5♥ 5NT 6♥ 6NT 7♥ 7NT

The French pair thus missed a good diamond slam. Two clubs was artificial and game-forcing. Two diamonds (also artificial) denied positive values. Delmonico might have jumped to six diamonds over four, since at no point in the bidding had he indicated the king of diamonds, queen of spades, or a doubleton heart.

When Charamella and Forquet were East-West for Italy, they bid:

1♣ 1♦ 1♥ 1♠ 2♣ 2♦ 2♥ 2NT 3♥ 3NT 4♥ 4NT 5♥ 5NT 6♥ 6NT 7♥ 7NT

Two other pairs reached five diamonds and one bid six. No two pairs of the eleven tested the bid identically! Although there are only two popular bidding systems in England, the players apparently had their own ideas on how to apply their system to the hand in question.

In all, five pairs reached six diamonds, four got to five diamonds, and two stopped at four hearts.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

MONDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:32	6:59	12:23	3:28	5:45	7:15
Medina	5:38	7:04	12:25	3:24	5:40	7:10
Nejd	5:04	6:34	11:52	2:51	5:07	6:37

DHAHRAN TV

3:30 Children's Show	CB Bears: Hard Headed
4:50 Jokers Wild	Hard Hat, Heavy
5:10 Wide World Of Sports	No. 508
6:02 Waltons	Acrobatic Water Ski
6:51 Wel. Bk Kotter	The Big Brother
7:25 Safety Film	One Of Our Sweathogs Is Missing
7:26 Police Woman	Take Notice
8:16 That's My Mama	Death Game
8:41 Second Run	Cliffons-Big Move
	Baxter

WEATHER

Moderate weather in most parts of the Kingdom. Winds mostly northerly blow at slow to moderate speed, gaining speed occasionally in parts of the eastern and central areas, raising dust.

Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to choppy in the Red Sea, and calm to moderate in the Gulf.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

	29	19	Jizan	33	24
Mecca	30	21	Hail	17	06
Jeddah	24	11	Tabuk	21	05
Riyadh	25	11	Rafha	18	05
Dhahran	25	14	Yanbu	29	13
Medina	25	11	Abha	21	07
Taif					

SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission

2:00 Opening

2:01 The Holy Quran

2:05 Gems of Guidance

2:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle

2:15 Music

2:30 On Islam

2:45 Under the Limelight

2:55 Music

3:00 NEWS

3:10 Press Review

3:15 Music

3:20 Music-Machines

3:30 Close Down

Evening Transmission

10:00 Opening

10:01 The Holy Quran

10:05 Message to the Faithful

10:10 Light Music

10:15 NEWS

10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle

10:30 Selection of Music

11:00 World of Machines

11:10 Press Review

11:15 The Stevie Wonder Story

11:45 Eminent Saudi Arabians

12:00 Islamic Contributions

12:15 In the Quiet

12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams

12:58 Close Down

VOA

8:00 News Roundup: Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses

8:30 Dateline

9:00 Special English: News, Feature, The Making of a Nation

9:30 Music USA: News Summary

9:30 Music USA: (Standards)

10:00 News Roundup: Reports, Actualities, Opinion, Analyses

10:30 VOA Magazine: America, Science, Cultural, Letter.

11:00 Special English: News

11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT

Midnight

12:00 News...newsmakers' voices...correspondents' reports...background features...media comments...news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News

8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

8:30 *Sarah Ward

8:45 World Today

9:00 Newsweek

9:30 *Opera Star

10:00 World News

10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

10:30 *Sarah Ward

10:45 *Something to Show You

11:00 World News

11:09 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myan Request Show

Evening Transmission

1:15 Ulster in Focus

1:30 Discovery

2:00 World News

2:09 News about Britain

2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios

2:30 Sports International

3:40 Radio Newsreel

3:45 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

4:30 The Pleasure's Yours

5:15 Report on Religion

6:00 Radio Newsreel

6:15 *Outlook

7:00 World News

7:09 Commentary

7:15 *Sherlock Holmes

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 *Books and Writers

8:30 *Take One

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newsreel

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News Summary

10:39 Stock Market Report

10:43 Look Ahead

10:45 Ulster in Focus

11:00 World News

11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

11:30 The Pleasure's Yours

Midnight Transmission

12:15 Talkabout

12:45 Nature Notebook

1:00 World News

1:09 World Today

1:35 Financial News

1:35 Book Choice

1:40 Reflections

1:45 Sports Round-up

2:00 World News

2:09 Commentary

2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

A wonderful day for exciting romance or partying, so long as you aren't too extravagant with money. Make travel plans!

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20)

The accent is on shared happiness with family members, but be sure to include someone who would feel left out if not invited.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You're pleased with your creative ideas, but executing them may take more time than you have allotted. A talk with a close one has you on cloud nine!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You're right to feel optimistic about money, but wrong to quickly dissipate newly acquired funds. Work should be inspired!

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

A lucky day for self-promotion, romance, and pleasure, but someone at home may think you're conceited. Share your joy with others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Don't be touchy, if someone momentarily intrudes on your privacy. Behind-the-scenes planning pays off and you have much to be thankful for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You may meet someone influential today, but that is not a signal for you to spend more than you should. Talk with friends are uplifting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Special recognition for you is in the cards and career interests prosper. However, don't let pride in yourself deteriorate into vanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You're filled with the holiday spirit today. Don't let an uptight or jealous friend spoil your good mood. Get in touch with those stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

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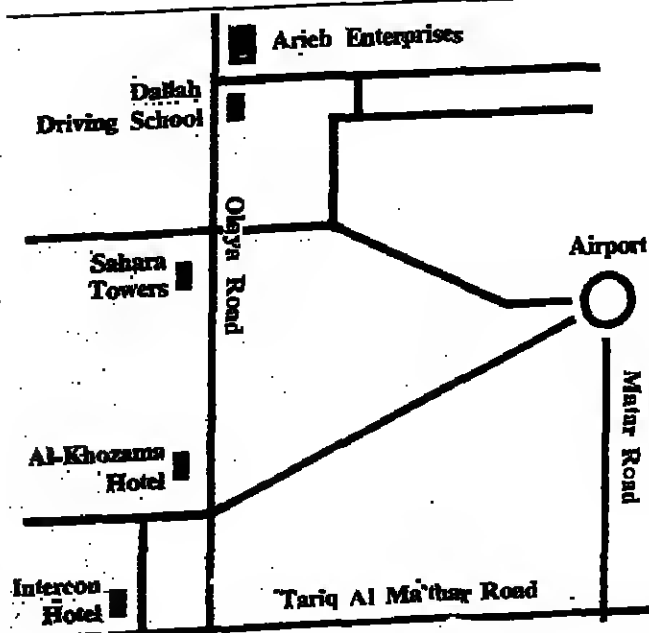
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Late News

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Five black civilians shot dead by Salisbury police

SALISBURY, Dec. 17 (AP) — Police reported Sunday they shot dead five black civilians in a township 10 miles from the center of Salisbury during a hunt for guerrillas.

Ex-colonel murdered by Basque terrorists

MADRID, Dec. 17 (UPI) — Terrorist gunmen struck again in the Basque country Sunday killing a retired infantry colonel in a submarine gun attack, police said.

The killers, presumed to be members of the separatist organization ETA, gunned down Diego Fernandez on a sidewalk outside the Ministry of Culture office in the Basque city of San Sebastian.

all fire, who were residents of Mabvuku township", said police. There will be an investigation.

Mabvuku is about two miles from a white-owned cement complex where guerrillas shot up a club last weekend. 30 minutes after the end of a Christmas party attended mainly by white staff.

The cement factory raid was the fourth guerrilla attack in or around Salisbury within the past five weeks.

Police said that one of the new suspects also participated in the bombing earlier this year of a nuclear power plant near Bilbao, an attack that caused an estimated \$15 million damage and killed two workers.

Meanwhile a key poll printed Sunday gave the Spanish Socialist Party a commanding lead over Premier Adolfo Suarez's ruling centrists in the city and local elections expected in spring.

Kaunda election illegal, Zambia opposition says

LUSAKA, Dec. 17 (API) — Two opposition political leaders have challenged the results of last week's national elections in which Kenneth Kaunda was voted in as president for the fourth time in 14 years.

Former Vice-President Simon Kapwepwe and ex-opposition leader in parliament Harry Nkumbula have lodged an

appeal with the Supreme Court protesting a pre-election ruling of the High Court allowing Kaunda to be sole presidential candidate. Both men sought in vain to contest the presidential elections.

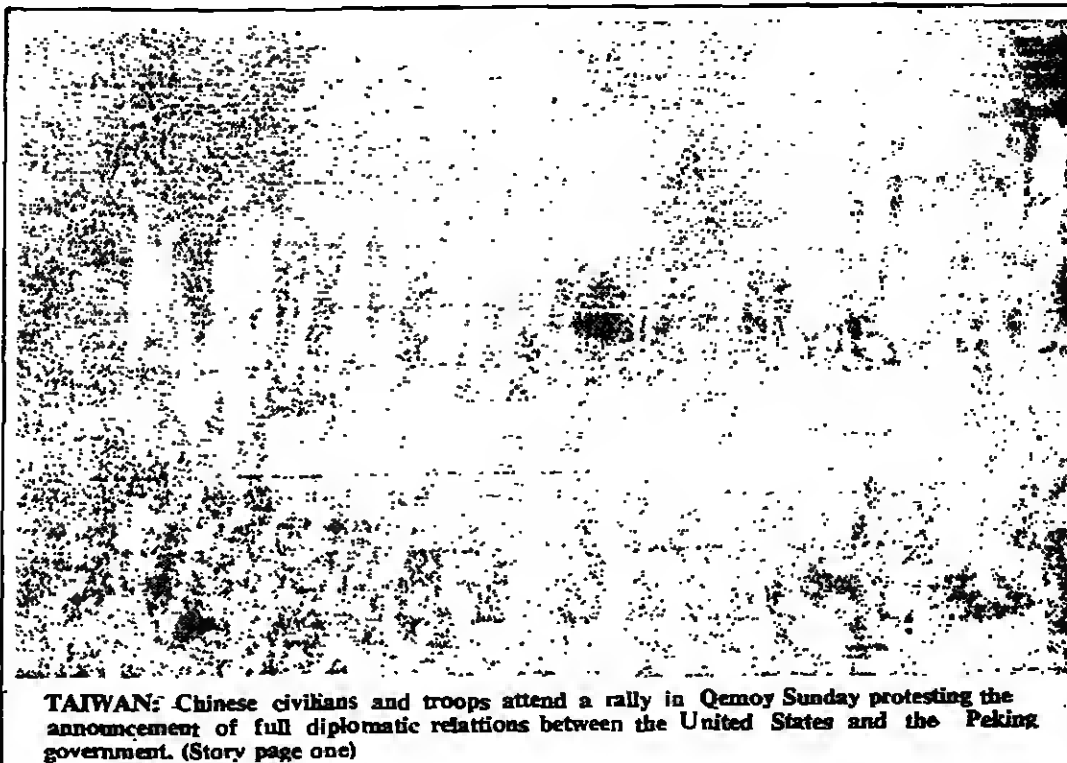
Kaunda, 54, who has led Zambia since independence from Britain in 1964, won 81 per cent of the votes, polled last Tuesday.

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TAIWAN: Chinese civilians and troops attend a rally in Qemoy Sunday protesting the announcement of full diplomatic relations between the United States and the Peking government. (Story page one)

Unity at stake

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181. The new parliament will have to revise the constitution and work out a federal status for a country with two or three semi-autonomous regions.

The future of the monarchy is not in doubt and Belgium's foreign policy is bound to remain unchanged, all major parties being committed to allegiance to the European Common Market and NATO.

But some have come out for a large degree of autonomy for

the Flemish and French speaking communities — Flanders in the North and Wallonia in the south.

The main question is how far this autonomy will go and what status will be given to Brussels, the officially bilingual but French-dominated capital surrounded by Flemish territory.

The Flemish demand ironclad guarantees for the cultural rights of the Flemish minority in Brussels. French-speakers living in Flemish villages around the capital demand similar guarantees.

Desai hopes to jail Indira after today's vote in parliament

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17 (RI) — The Indian parliament votes Monday on an attempt by Prime Minister Morarji Desai to have ex-Premier Indira Gandhi expelled from the house and jailed for breach of privilege and contempt.

But Desai's tough line against his predecessor is opposed by a large number of his colleagues in the ruling Janata party who favor a milder punishment.

Mrs. Gandhi's Congress Party has threatened a nationwide campaign if she is expelled or sent to jail. One of its MPs, Vasan Sarthe, has announced he would go on a hunger strike inside the Lok Sabha (parliament) until she was freed.

Mrs. Gandhi, returned to parliament last month after winning a hard-fought by-election in south India, was found guilty by a house privileges committee of intimidating four officials who collected information on her son Sanjay's business activities three years ago.

Several opposition parties including two Communist groupings have also favored a milder punishment such as her suspension from the present session of parliament if she refuses to apologize.

But the Janata Party has an

overwhelming majority in the lower house, which will debate Desai's motion. Mrs. Gandhi's expulsion and imprisonment are considered certain unless the motion is amended or a large number of Janata MPs vote against it.

Her supporters say she will fight another by-election and return to parliament if she is expelled.

She herself has refused to apologize.

Herculean efforts to save a life

CLEETHORPES, England, Dec. 17 (UPI) — Bank manager Peter Dawson decided to accept the new account for Hercules even though he confessed "I have had some strange accounts but never one for a hippopotamus before."

Animal lovers opened the account in the hippo's name Saturday to support an appeal for 8,000 pound (\$16,000) fund to build him a new home. Hercules was relieved from death when the zoo which owned him went bankrupt.

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OPEC

In an earlier news conference Mans Said Al-Otaiba, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates said he thought that the increase was "very reasonable and gradual."

"It is compensation for a small proportion of the loss which we have had because of inflation and because of the loss of the dollar," he said.

"We need every single dollar for our development," he said, and predicted that the increase "will not create any problems for the world economy."

Asked if the new oil price to be reached by October might be a candidate for freezing, he said, "we are going to discuss prices in 1980. We will put in mind this figure of \$14.50 and any decision we take for that period will take into consideration that figure."

He said "oil is not used in the best way" in the world and that "there are other sources of energy to replace oil, such as nuclear and solar energy."

Otaiba added that OPEC countries that produce the lightest forms of oil — the easiest to refine into large quantities of gasoline and other quality petroleum products — will be putting additional premiums on this kind of output, raising the light oil's price.

He said the goal was to help OPEC countries that produce heavier grades of crude to sell their oil more easily. Saudi Arabia already limits to 60 per cent the proportion of light oil that can be exported from its wells.

Asked how he hopes the Tokyo foreign exchange market will price the dollar when it reopens trading Monday morning after the OPEC decision, Otaiba said: "I hope the dollar will stay where it is."

Iran

Opposition politicians here doubted that Ayatollah Montazeri, who was freed after serving three and half years of a 10-year sentence, would try to persuade Khomeini to return to Iran.

"That decision is Khomeini's alone," one said. "I don't think he will come back until the Shah goes."

Another said he believed Ayatollah Montazeri was going to Paris to sort out problems in the Paris entourage of Ayatollah Khomeini. Some Tehran clergy has been prevented recently from seeing the 78-year-old religious leader, he added.

Efforts

trusted sharply with the Israeli media, which expressed deep concern over the U.S. break with Taiwan.

Egyptians viewed the aborted U.S.-Taiwan special ties very much the same way they regarded U.S.-Israeli relations. Apparently, the Israelis feared the break with Taiwan might set a precedent for U.S.-Israeli ties, now that Washington is criticizing Tel Aviv for impeding the peace process with Egypt.

Headlined editorials in the Israeli press Sunday described

In Paris, informed sources said Ayatollah Montazeri was ill and might be coming to France partly to receive medical treatment. They did not disclose the nature of his alleged illness.

"Authorities feared the day of mourning could spark off violence in the streets."

Military units, already on duty at hot spots throughout the country, were bolstered in the event rioting erupted as it has many times before since January during anti-Shah demonstrations.

Israeli concern over the U.S. break with Taiwan and the cancellation of the defense treaty between those two nations.

"A red light flashed in Jerusalem following the American turnabout with China and the offensive against Israel," said the headline in the Yediot Aharanot newspaper.

In Moscow, "Red Star," the newspaper of the Soviet army, Sunday accused the United States of trying to forge a military alliance with Japan and China.

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